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Jack Cowser, Missionary

By W. H. Berry

That Jack should choose Mississippi as the state in which to be born does not seem to me of too great importance. There are 47 other states in the Union, although he doesn't seem to think so. It was going to be interesting to me, however, to see how Jack would take travelling under pressure. It was with this prospect that we started on our trip to North Minas territory. Two nights and a day on a dinky train through sterile country made it necessary to eat wherever we could and sleep when possible.

It was some relief to know on arriving that the Fazenda da Onca was only eight miles away. By leaving most of our baggage and starting immediately we should make it by sundown if we didn't get lost. In the end we both got lost and made it, even though we arrived at Senhor Pedro's after dark. But the real pleasure with which Senhor Pedro and Dona Sinhara gave us everything at their disposal had the effect on our spirits of a hot shower after a week's camping trip. And what coffee Dona Sinhara can make to mix with fresh hot milk. There we ate five times a day, fresh pork, venison, fried chicken, green vegetables, and corn bread. Jack thought he was back on a farm in Mississippi!

But at our second stop there were other surprises. This time we travelled 15 miles by mule, taking with us all our baggage. Again we arrived late, had our supper and after the customary conversation in which we gave them all the fresh news we knew, we were ready for bed. But when we were shown our quarters there was only one lone bed which occupied most of the space in the room, not because the bed was so large but because the room was so small. According to custom in many farm houses of the

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J. J. (Jack) Cowser and T. B. Stover examining one of the first edition of Bibles printed in Brazil. Printed by Bible Press of Brazil.

Truman Expected To Attend Southern Baptist Convention

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)—President Truman tentatively has accepted an invitation to attend the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, May 7-11, at St. Louis, Mo., Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Convention said on emerging from the White House after a visit with the Chief Executive.

Accompanied by Senator Walter F. George, (D.-Ga.), and Representative Fritz G. Lanham, (D.-Texas), Dr. Newton spent a "pleasant" half hour with the President, during which they discussed a variety of matters.

Dr. Newton said the President told

him that if he can attend the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention he will try to bring his 94-year-old mother, Mrs. Martha E. Truman, of Grand View, Mo. The President will attend on "Mothers' Day"—May 11, if possible.

The President also promised to send a message of greeting to the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen, July 29-August 3. Dr. Newton said. Some 2,000 Americans are expected to attend this world meeting.

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Seminary Speakers Represent Three Different Nations; Conference Begins March 10

Three different nations are represented in the birthplaces of the speakers for the annual Pastors' Conference at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, March 10-14. Dr. Nels F. S. Ferre, Gay lecturer for the series, was born in Sweden (in 1908); Dr. Edwin Lewis, the Norton lecturer, in England (1881); and Dr. Charles L. Graham, Conference preacher, in Louisville, Ky. (1884).

Conference Themes

Doctor Ferre, Abbot professor of Christian theology at Andover Newton Theological School since 1939, and author of several theological works, will use for his theme: "Pillars of Faith." His lecture topics will be: "Christ and Our Problems," "The Age of the Spirit," "The Church and the Christian," "The Open Book," and "The Christian Life."

"Philosophy and the Fourth Gospel" (Continued on Page Two)

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"The Unfinished Task"



Above is shown the unfinished building at Mississippi College. See pages one and four.

The Washington Review

By Larston D. Farrar

Religious News Service Correspondent

SUPREME COURT DECISION ON BUS ISSUE STIRS PROTESTANTS

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Supreme Court decision in the New Jersey school bus case hit Protestantism generally and the Baptists in particular with all the force of a judicial atomic bomb.

As a result, it can safely be predicted that Monday, February 10, 1947, will be remembered in church history. For, as Arthur Krock, the New York Times columnist pointed out, the Supreme Court on that day did not end a controversy by its decision, but really gave birth to a continuing conflict.

Protestant spokesmen here—other than the Baptists—generally restricted their statements to private expressions of opinion, but all of them agreed that the last has not yet been heard of the use of public funds for private schools. The Roman Catholics

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DR. ROLAND Q. LEAVELL

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, President, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will be one of the inspirational speakers at our Sunday School Convention in the First Baptist Church of McComb, March 11-12.

Dr. Leavell has for many years been one of our great Southern Baptist leaders and has done outstanding work in different fields of service. Many of our people will be delighted at the opportunity to hear him at this Convention.

Unique Circle Meet

The ladies of Circle Four of the First Baptist church in Vicksburg held one of the most enjoyable meetings in its history, when Miss Berta Bass, chairman, entertained with a unique program featuring the birthday theme, after the business meeting was finished.

Upon arrival, each guest was told she was celebrating her own birthday, and was given a Scripture birthday card, bearing a token from the chairman in the form of a handmade book mark. The chairman was given a beautiful pin by the circle members, in appreciation of her work.

In a social hour that followed, a unique presentation was made in which the idea of the months was used effectively. Some of the features were as follows: January depicted the beginning of time, with a circle of green enclosing a watch showing 12 o'clock, an hour glass, and other things; April stressed the Easter idea; June had the bridal motif attractively pictured in a miniature scene showing the bride and groom, the church, the preacher, and even the wedding cake; September featured the little red schoolhouse, pencils and slates, the apple for the teacher and the old hickory stick; October featured Halloween; November stressed Thanksgiving and December, the star of Bethlehem. As the guests gathered around the table, the ones having birthdays in the various months found their places by the displays symbolic for them. The originality of the meeting impressed all who attended, and Miss Bass received many words of appreciation as her guests departed, following the serving of delightful refreshments.

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JACK COWSERT, MISSIONARY

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poorer people, instead of springs there was a solid board bottom with only a pretense of a mattress which gave the night a quite different outlook for "weary travellers". And, as if that were not enough, the bed itself was only 32 inches wide by the tape measure. There was the floor but it was bare ground and always kept damp to avoid cracking; and there was no extra bedding.

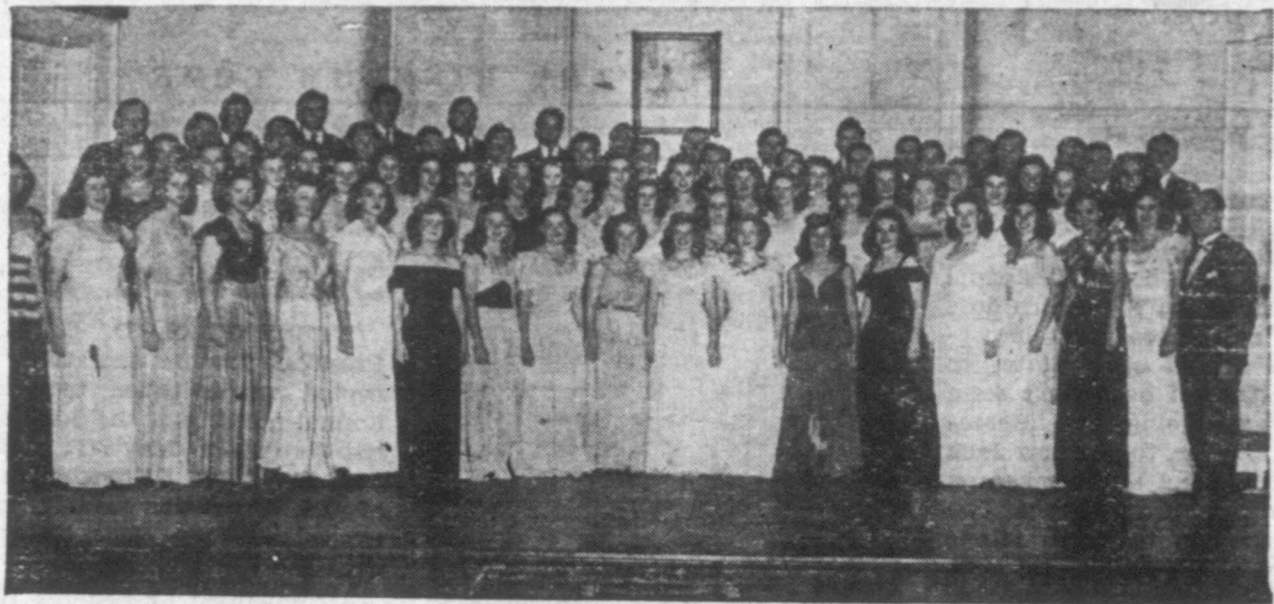
It was here Jack's genius became evident: "You sleep with your head up there", he said, "and I will put mine at this end. Each one will use his own big cape for cover, and let's see". Four nights in succession can be a very long time.

Well, that's Jack the missionary! He is just a Mississippian who already had ambition and character when he left the farm. He also works! He is nearly always the first one to the publishing house in the morning and the last to leave in the afternoon. Sometimes he goes back at night. At times the weight of the whole organization falls upon him. For years he has been the director of its publicity. He serves periodically as treasurer of the South Brazil Mission. Few work harder. Many do less. This is the Jack Cowsert we know in Brazil. Maybe he is better known in Mississippi, but we doubt it.

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FAIR NOTICE TO ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARIES: Rev. Harold Douglass, Deer Creek Associational Missionary writes that 21 of the 27 churches in that association are EVERY FAMILY churches and that he is hoping to make Deer Creek 100% for the Baptist Record during the year 1947. Other county missionaries are invited to adopt the same goal.

Mississippi College Chorale Choir To Sing At Monticello, Tylertown, McComb



On Sunday, March 9, the Mississippi College Chorale Choir, under the direction of Prof. E. N. Elsey, head of the Music Department, will sing at the First Baptist Churches of Monticello, Tylertown, and McComb. Their first appearance will be at Monticello at 11:30 a.m. At 3:30 p.m. the choir will sing in Tylertown, and at 7:30 p.m. they will make their final appearance in McComb. Approximately 65 choir members will make the trip.

This is the first of a series of weekend appearances to be made by the Chorale Choir during the remainder of the school year.

SEMINARY SPEAKERS REPRESENT THREE DIFFERENT NATIONS; CONFERENCE BEGINS MARCH 10

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pel," will be the theme of the lectures by Doctor Lewis, who has been professor of Systematic Theology at Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., for more than a quarter of a century and is the author of a number of outstanding books. Individual topics will be: "The Philosophic Mind," "A Universe of Gradations," "The Word Became Flesh," "The Johannine Analogies," and "The Timeliness of the Timeliness."

Doctor Graham, who was for 22 years pastor of the Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, will preach on the topics: "Despising the Shame," "God's Interpreters," "A Good Man," and "Belshazzar's Feast."

Conference Schedule

The Conference will open on Monday, March 10, at 11:30 a.m., with Doctor Ferre as the speaker. Monday night, at 7:30, Doctor Lewis will deliver the first of his lectures. The program for each day thereafter, Tuesday through Friday, will be: 10:30 a.m., Doctor Ferre; 11:30 a.m., Doctor Graham; and 7:30 p.m., Doctor Lewis.

All sessions will be held in the Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

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WASHINGTON REVIEW

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likewise refrained from commenting, letting the decision of the Supreme Court speak for itself.

The loudest reaction, as expected, came from the Baptists, historic champions of separation of church and state. The Baptist Joint-Conference Committee on Public Relations issued a blast against the decision that was heard 'round the nation.

And that wasn't all. Protestant spokesmen here said freely that the decision would stiffen their opposition to any federal aid-to-education measure, even the watered-down Taft bill that would allow the states to use the funds as state laws provide. The Protestants here have determined to fight every piece of legislation even remotely relating to cooperation between church and state more vigorously, but it remains to be seen whether their constituents throughout the nation feel the decision as keenly as the men in the capital.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

March 2, 1947

	S.S.	B.T.U.
Jackson, First	1,123	364
Jackson, Calvary	1,144	328
Jackson, Calvary including		
Stone St. Mission	1,200	365
Jackson, Northside	251	83
Jackson, Parkway	402	207
Jackson, Griffith Memorial	412	393
Jackson, Daniel	186	60
Jackson, Van Winkle	218	147
O'Tuolofa, Yalobusha		
County	31	
Brookhaven, First	588	113
Picayune, First	309	106
Hepzibah, Lawrence County	109	46
Wellman, Lincoln County	49	43
Crystal Springs	372	88
Siloam, Simpson County	39	35
New Albany, First	425	157
East McComb	311	152
Batesville	120	39
Pascagoula, First	559	107
Gulfport, First	476	100
Unity, Jackson County	79	62
Laurel, First	518	115
Tupelo, Calvary	327	83
West Laurel	318	74
Paul Truitt Memorial,		
Rankin County	36	33
Summit	121	101
February 23, 1947		
Laurel, Beacon	203	60
Picayune, First	363	102
Cross Roads,		
Webster County	47	
Pontotoc	263	
Antioch, Lawrence County	59	26
Gulfport, First	486	89
Providence, Tippah County	38	
Jackson, Calvary	1,214	316
Jackson, Calvary including		
Stone St. Mission	1,275	4 353

ther their constituents throughout the nation feel the decision as keenly as the men in the capital.

The Baptists, with representatives of some other Protestant groups, already have prepared a bill providing for a Constitutional Amendment to the first provision of the famous "Bill of Rights," historic separator of church and state. The new legislation will be introduced soon, it can be predicted now, and will include a clear provision against any use of any federal or state money by churches or church-owned institutions.

It is conceded in advance by spokesmen for the Protestants that such a Constitutional amendment could not be passed in this session of Congress, but they fully expect to start it off immediately in the hope that it can be put through in 1948, when elections will be coming up.

Many Praise Religious Focus Week At Miss. College

CLINTON —(Delayed)— Students and faculty of Mississippi College were high in their praise of the Religious Focus Week, just completed here. With the slogan, "Making Christianity Practical", the team of young people's leaders, headed by Dr. Frank Leavell, left an indelible impression on the campus. The air of practical Christianity which the week left on Mississippi College will be a lasting one. Below are some of the comments made on the effectiveness of the week, by faculty members and students.

Dr. H. E. Spell, Head of the Department of Christianity—I am especially grateful for the contacts which our students have had, during Religious Focus Week, with some of the outstanding Christian personalities of the south. It has meant for the strengthening of faith on the part of students and faculty."

O. L. Malone, Student Secretary—"The eleven team members under the leadership of Dr. Frank Leavell, brought to the whole campus a living challenge to all out living for Christ in every walk of life. Serving Him has new attraction and meaning. The full impact of the week is yet to be seen."

Albert Gore, President of the Student Body—"It was truly the greatest period of inspiration this campus has ever witnessed. The leaders were superb in their teaching of a down to earth policy for every day christianity. One cannot be around such people without catching a part of their enthusiasm in their work. I am sure this past week will long be remembered by all who were present."

Jean Furr, Student—I think Focus week is the greatest blessing that has ever come to our campus. Just to watch and see applied in the lives of the team members the maximum Christianity impressed and encouraged me very much. I liked the appeal offered to apply Christianity to every phase of our college life and I determined to try harder to make this application in my own life."

Sam Cochran, President of Baptist Student Union—"Religious Focus Week at Mississippi College has helped me put into words some of those things I have been trying to say for a long time. They are: Christianity is a day by day affair, it grows and develops, by being lived by each person. There is no reason for the preacher in the pulpit to be any more dedicated to the work of Christ than the layman who is a Christian."

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

"For The Kingdom is the Lord's: and He is the Governor Among the Nations," Psalm 22:28.

I

The Central Figure

There was nothing, it would seem, that was of such serious importance to Jesus as the spirit of harmony between and among His followers. For with grave seriousness he says to His disciples: "I solemnly tell you that if two of you here on earth are agreed together concerning anything whatsoever. . . the boon will come to them from my Father."

If just two Christians can, like two musical instruments, tune their thinking into harmonious accord, he is so sure that they will also be in accord with the mind of God that he can confidently assure them of the approval and blessing of God upon them in their undertaking. Two minds, thinking in harmony, is music in the ear of God. So wonderful and beautiful a thing is perfect harmony among men.

Jesus gives his reason for so high an estimate of harmony between men and for such confident assurance of God's blessings on it. "For," he says, "where there are two or three assembled in my name; there I am in the midst of them."

When individual men and women, however few they may be and however divergent their individual minds may be, are brought together into one group, however small that group may be, by loyalty to Jesus and out of devotion to the cause and objectives for which His name stands, these common loyalties and causes will blend their own thinking and purposes into one common harmonious whole. The uniting and harmonizing force in the minds of men is an all-embracing, all-controlling interest in the interests of Jesus. The mind of Jesus harmonizes the minds of men. Such unity and harmony the Lord honors and blesses with His own personal presence. "There am I the central figure in the group of friends." Jesus honors with His own personal presence, and all the inspiration and wisdom and power which that presence implies, any group of individuals where there is unity and harmony of thought and will in concord with his own mind and purpose.

What kind of a church does the Lord delight to honor? Isn't it plain that he delights to honor the church where peace prevails and concord and harmony, where no harsh voice of discord is heard nor raucous voice of divisive faction? What kind of church will the Lord bless with His presence and power giving it good success in all its endeavors in His name? Isn't it plain that the Lord blesses with power and good success the church of one mind and one will where there is no selfishness of desire or purpose and no ugly wrangling or disruptive disputes? Peace and harmony in the Spirit of Jesus, and wholehearted co-operative endeavor in the objectives of Jesus make the good church and the great church.

—Baptist Courier.

II

The difference between a well organized and an unorganized church, a spiritual and an unspiritual church is very easily seen in the ad interim between pastorates. The degree of loyalty or disloyalty is also more clearly manifest. If the church is well organized and spiritual, attendance, budget contributions, spiritual ministries, and missionary activities will continue. It is the New Testament plan for a church to serve best, however, with a pastor.

In hearing some requirements for a pastor, it might occur to a person of cynical turn that God has fallen short in producing enough men for His church. To the cynic it might also occur that somehow the Seminaries and colleges have just not turned out the right sort of men to man these churches with strict requirements.

However, we still think the New Testament pattern in Acts 6 holds, i.e. "Look ye out among you." This is true for any needed official in church life. God is big enough to produce big enough men!

III

Occasionally a church member gets tired, discouraged, mad, or what have you, and frankly says, "I am through. I have quit." Such attitudes are not at all new. In Galatians 6:9 we are told, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Again in Isaiah 40:31, we read, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Maybe that is one reason why some people who give themselves fully to the work of the Lord do not tire so easily and never give out. They enjoy the refreshments and blessings of the Lord. Maybe that is one reason why some people who do the least are always talking about being tired. They miss the blessings and refreshments of the Lord.

In Hebrews 12:5 we are challenged, "My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him."

Pastors who are tempted to fall by the way before personal problems, church problems, and denominational causes should be strengthened by these admonitions. These thoughts are written as much to those of us who are preachers as to anybody else.

IV

"Verities of the Gospel" is another volume of sermons by Zeno Wall just off the Broadman press. The price is \$1.50 and may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.

"Faith is the Victory" is a compilation of Baptist Hour Radio messages for 1946. The volume may be secured from the Baptist Book Store.

V

Paul, a prisoner in Rome awaiting and ready for the executioner, appealed to young Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God." Nor did Paul forget his books while in prison. He charges Timothy to bring the books and parchments which he had left at Troas. Spurgeon, in speaking of this incident,

says, "Paul had a few books which were left, perhaps wrapped up in the cloak, and Timothy was to be careful to bring them. Even an apostle must read. . . He is inspired, and yet he wants books; he has seen the Lord and yet he wants books; he has a wider experience than most men and yet he wants books; he has been caught up in the very heaven, and has heard things which it was unlawful for men to utter, yet he wants books. The apostle says to Timothy, and so he says to every preacher, 'give thyself unto reading'. The man who never reads will never be read; he who never quotes will never be quoted; he who will not use the thoughts of other men's brains, proves he has no brains of his own. Brethren, what is true of ministers is true of all our people. You need to read."

—Baptist Standard

VI

Do you go to church as a lover laddle goes to see a lassie, or do you go to church in the spirit of paying taxes? "I WAS GLAD when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." "I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than to dwell in the tents of the wicked." "This one thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after to dwell in the house of the Lord, that I may behold the beauty of the Lord, and, to inquire in His temple."

We have seen people running to a ball game—the world is no better for it five years later!

We have seen people running to a circus—the world is no better for it five years later!

We have seen people running to catch a car—the next one would have done just as well!

We have seen people running to see a dog fight—the world was no better because of it!

We have seen people running to a fire—they stood with folded arms while the house burned!

We have seen people running from a storm that never arrived!

We have seen people running from a ghost that was not there!

How many people have you seen hurrying to church where God is, where Heaven frequently comes to earth, where sinners are saved, where little children are blessed and never burned, where men and women are made strong in Christ, and the world bettered!

KOSCIUSKO HONORS YOUTH

The First Baptist Church at Kosciusko recently held a recognition and coronation service for the R. A. and G. A. members who have completed ranks during the year. Miss Nell Taylor of Jackson led with the girls, and Miss Helen Eubanks of Kosciusko with the boys. Others helping were Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Holcomb and Mesdames J. C. Maxwell, R. E. Barefield and Frank Austin. Dr. Wm. Potter of Carthage gave the final charge. Following the ceremony the auxiliary members and guests were honored at a tea assisted by the Y. W. A., and their counsellor, Mrs. Dean Chapman.

The following girls and boys were presented before a large crowd of parents and friends and examined for their respective ranks:

Maidens: Charlotte Kay O'Neal, Joan Landrum, Bernice Morgan, Charlotte O'Neal, Dotty Helen Davidson, Love Carter, Nettie Ann Burch, Sandra Tyler, Virginia D. May and Gertrude Chennault; Ladies-in-Waiting: Betty Jo Smith, Patsy Harkey, Betty Jean Temple, Margaret Nell Powell, Jo Ann Pettit, Shirley Jo Huffman, Mary Nell Stennett, Jerry Dell Mikell and Betty Davidson; Princess: Floyce Reynolds; Queens: Jo Mary Maxwell, Janie Merle Giles and Mary Gay Holcomb; Pages: Travis Thornton, Earl Love Guyton, Eugene Barfield, Danley Max Langford, Robert Earl Reynolds, Tom Hines, Jr., and James Cannon Parker; Squires: Sammy Guyton, John Robert Cain, Jimmy Dan Cain and Bernard Landrum, Jr.; Knight: Harold Graham; Ambassador Plenipotentiary: Pat Curtis; Candle Bearers: Jan Tyler and Pat Curtis, and Trumpeteer: Beauchamp Burch.

Other guests were: Mrs. William Potter, Carthage; members of the Sunbeam Band with their counselors, Mrs. Tom Hones and Mrs. Tom Mills; Mrs. H. L. Jones, Mrs. Smith Hughes, Mrs. H. L. Dodd and her group of Intermediate

Baptists Are Responding To Southwide Evangelistic Emphasis Effort

By S. F. Lowe

Our Baptist people are responding nobly to the plan of three months Evangelistic Emphasis Effort in connection with the Baptist Hour April, May and June. Tens of thousands of Prayer Covenant cards are being requested every week. Pastors are committing their churches to three full months of all-out soul winning effort. Lists of prospects are being brought up to date. Pastors report that they are planning to make every message evangelistic for the entire period. The lost are to be invited to listen to the evangelistic messages of the Baptist Hour. Personal workers will follow through with personal invitations to the lost to make complete surrender to Christ as Saviour and follow Him as Lord in baptism and church membership. The fires are burning. Please pray daily that God will let His spirit fall upon His people.

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SHINING LIKE THE STARS by Rev. Harold E. Dye, pastor of Central Baptist church and formerly editor of the Baptist New Mexican and also author of **ROBES OF SPLENDOR** and **THROUGH GOD'S EYES** is the adult and young people's book in the Graded Series on World Evangelism and published by the Home Mission Board. Just a word of advice: Don't start reading this book unless you have time enough to read it through. You won't want to put it down. The price is 50 cents and orders should be sent to the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia or to the Baptist Book Store.

G. A.'s from Sallis, Mr. Smith Hughes, James Hughes, Mr. H. L. Dodd, David and Linda Dodd of Sallis.

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The Evangelistic Conference

Certainly no previous Evangelistic Conference has excelled the Conference held in Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, February 25-28.

The program was planned with a special appeal for preachers, but many laymen and women were in attendance.

Being a preacher we can assert that preachers as well as others need to have their own hearts set afire with the fire from God's altar—they need to feel that men are lost and unless they are saved by faith in Christ they are lost. Preachers need to really understand the importance of preaching. They need to search the Scriptures together.

Many declared that they never heard so many truly great sermons and messages in any one Conference. There were many high hours. Amens were frequent and tears came often. All present were challenged to either evangelize or be paganized.

We offer our congratulations to Secretary McCall, the Evangelistic Committee, the speakers and Hattiesburg.

The influence of this meeting is destined to reach the remotest areas of our state. Many of us are going to try to do better.

Home And Foreign Mission Day

March 30 or the nearest convenient Sunday has been designated as Home and Foreign Missions Day in our Sunday School. The program title is "God So Loved the World". The program was prepared by Dr. B. J. Cauthen and Joe W. Burton, both outstanding Baptist leaders.

The purpose of this program is to inform, to inspire and to enlist our people in the great task of Home and Foreign Missions. Dr. J. E. Dillard, Promotion Secretary of the Executive Committee

of the Southern Baptist Convention, writes that program material has been sent to all Sunday School Superintendents as listed in the records of the Baptist Sunday School Board and the various state Sunday School Departments. The program is also printed in the Sunday School Builder for March and in the Quarterly Review, the first quarter of 1947.

Every Sunday School should have this program at some convenient Sunday, preferably March 30, during the month of March. This program will inform, inspire and enlist those who hear it. It will also cause some to want to make an offering for Home and Foreign Missions. Each Sunday School should take this special offering. It may be true that many who are at the service that day will be regular contributors, but there are always some who are not regular contributors, and some who are not contributors at all. And they should be given an opportunity and urged to use that opportunity to support Baptist Home and Foreign Mission work around the world.

Offering envelopes may be secured by writing and giving the number needed to the Committee on Denominational Calendar, 171 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

Let's Finish The Job

An unfurnished building is worthless. Mississippi College has just that. Due to unforeseeable increased building costs, the amount needed to complete the buildings now under construction is much more than was anticipated.

On page one, Dr. D. M. Nelson, Mississippi College president, is making a plea for help and he offers a plan within reach of almost every subscriber to the Baptist Record. In fact, one reader heard about the plan and asked for the privilege of being number one on the list. Dr. Zeno Wall is number one.

Ten dollars, as suggested by Dr. Nelson, from EVERY Baptist Record family will:

1. Finish the Mississippi College to finish Enlargement Campaign quickly.
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2. Mississippi College trains con-

centrated laymen, who will have a large share in supporting these missionaries and pastors.

3. Enable wide participation of Mississippi Baptists in making their institutions the best.

Ten dollars from each Baptist Record reader will work wonders. Gifts should be sent to Dr. D. A. McCall, P. O. Box 530, Jackson 105, Miss.

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Homes Can Help

"We are trying to find a remedy for the academic dishonesty which is prevalent throughout our colleges. Apparently, students are not being impressed either at home or in school with the principles of simple honesty, or the absolute necessity of their practice in society", writes Miss Mary Reid, vice-president of the Mississippi Inter-Collegiate Association of Student Government Associations for Women. Miss Reid also asks that the Baptist Record treat the matter editorially.

As Miss Reid says, there is too much, far too much, dishonesty in our schools and colleges. In fact, any is too much.

Parents should begin as early as possible to teach and practice honesty to their children. If children see and practice quibbling at home, they will do the same away from home. In other words, the home and the parents are the remedy. Teach and practice all kinds of honesty at home and we will have more honesty in our schools and colleges.

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God's Mysteries

Occasionally we hear a person declare that they cannot believe things in the Bible which seem miraculous, for they cannot understand them. Dr. Robert G. Lee, in his book, "Lord, I Believe," has many paragraphs that will show how inconsistent one is, who makes statements like the above. In a magazine we read an editorial that expresses this idea in a fine way. We will quote from it as follows:

"An unbeliever once said, 'I will believe only what I can understand; none of that mystery stuff for me.' When he was asked to explain how it is possible for a black cow to eat green grass, and to give white milk from which yellow butter is churned, he couldn't explain it."

We imagine, however, that the man would not refuse yellow butter on his hot biscuits because he couldn't explain how a black cow made it! Inconsistency is the heart of much that men say regarding spiritual things.

Because one cannot explain in

detail how electricity works does not prevent his using the lights, the telephone and the door bell! Nor does he refuse to have ice for his tea made from a box that burns kerosene or gas!

God's mysteries are beyond our understanding. That is true. But why should we say we will not accept His blessings in the spiritual realm when we take advantage of the physical all the time?

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Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—
Editor.

The Blue Pencil

One work of an editor is to edit the sermons, articles and news items which are sent for publication in his paper. Whatever change in the material may be made in this way is called "using the blue pencil." Judging from personal experience in other days, probably some contributors have often wondered when they saw how an editor "took liberties" with their communications.

Sometimes an editor may use the blue pencil by way of improving the spelling and grammar and logic of a contribution. Presumably no one objects to this. Such "blue penciling" is rarely ever necessary.

The major use of the blue pencil is to shorten material. In the case of BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, there is a limited number of pages with limited space and there are numerous communications from different sources. It is right that as many of these as possible be published in a given issue. But for this to be done, some of the manuscripts may have to be condensed.

A concise sermon, or article, or news item is read when a longer one is not. Except in rare instances, no article or sermon should take over a page in the paper and less is better, with plenty of white space even then. Consequently, the blue pencil is used to make communications conform to space limits and to reader interest.

No editor should change or impair the thought of a writer. But in almost all cases a communication can be condensed without doing this and even be improved by it. An editor has the sole right to decide about this in the light of his requirements and also to decide what is and is not suitable for publication in his paper. Consequently, the use of the blue pencil on a communication ought not to make the contributor feel "blue." An editor is only doing his duty under the requirements under which he labors.

From a rather wide acquaintance with editors, we have learned that for a writer to demand that his material be published "as is" or not at all is one of the best ways to insure that it will not be published. An editor cannot surrender his responsibility in the case. Fortunately, however, most writers have the spirit expressed by the courteous instruction, "Make any changes that you think are necessary."

All of this adds up to the request: Make the sermons and articles and news items which you send to the paper as concise as possible consistent with the thought. Give the gist of the thought rather than the full grist.

GOING PLACES

BY A. L. GOODRICH

KILMICHAEL ADDS TO LIST

Rev. John A. Wade, Kilmichael pastor, likes a whole loaf better than a half a loaf. He recently sent a revised list from Kilmichael and the new list contained 63 names, the old one listed 32.

Pastor Wade usually gets the EVERY FAMILY Plan adopted wherever he goes as pastor.

Montgomery County Record readers are now listed as follows: BETHLEHEM 26, DUCKHILL 30, Eskridge 1, MILLIGAN SPRINGS 31, SCOTLAND 34, Siloh 17, WINONA 165, Stewart 2, MULBERRY 15, Hays Creek 1, KILMICHAEL 63.

GRAYSPORT

Mrs. Roger Parker and Graysport church, Grenada county have helped the Baptist Record almost reach the 57,000 mark in circulation. A recent new and renewal list sent by Mrs. Parker added to the already large circulation.

IF GRENADA COUNTY continues its present pace it will soon be 100 per cent EVERY FAMILY.

Record readers now listed in Grenada county are now listed as follows: BETHEL 20, GRENADA 152, HARDY STATION 27, HOLCOMB 24, Providence 1, GRAYSPORT 21, Pleasant Grove 12.

FELLOWSHIP IS NUMBER 852

Rev. C. S. Wales and pastor L. E. Horton make a good Baptist Record combination. Recently the Rev. Mr. Wales was guest speaker at Fellowship Church, Tiptah County. He explained the EVERY FAMILY Plan and the church, led by Pastor Horton, adopted it unanimously.

Fellowship Church is 105 years old. The present house was constructed while Rev. C. S. Wales was pastor. The building is brick veneer with Sunday School rooms and auditorium.

Record readers in Tiptah County are now listed as follows: ACADEMY 45, CHALYBEATE 51, BLUE MOUNTAIN 143, Dumas 2, FALKNER 50, FELLOWSHIP 35, HARMONY 22, MT. HERBRON 18, MT. OLIVE 34, PINE GROVE 35, Pleasant Hill 3, PROVIDENCE 38, RIPLEY 98, Tiptahville 2, WALNUT 43, MACEDONIA 17, PALMER 18, Shady Grove 1, Oakland 1.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS

While the First Church, Crystal Springs, seeks a successor to Rec. Joe T. Odle, we supplied for them on Sunday, February 23.

Even though pastorless, the church is carrying on with all organizations determined that there shall be no let down while the church is pastorless.

The baby building is nearing completion and a large building fund has been accumulated for a new building when building conditions are more favorable.

Copiah County now has Baptist Record readers listed as follows: BETHEL 45, CARPENTER 25, COUNTY LINE 40, CRYSTAL SPRINGS 372, GALLMAN 26, GALILEE 32, Gatesville 7, GEORGETOWN 41, HARMONY 50, HAZLEHURST 113, HOPEWELL 36, NEW PROVIDENCE 23, NEW ZION 57, PINE BLUFF 33, Mission Hill 1, PIL-

10,000 Attend Dedication Of Juniper Grove Church, Property Said Debt Free

According to the Highway Patrol 10,182 people went to Juniper Grove Church, Pearl River County, for the dedicatory exercises on Sunday, March 2. The church valued at \$75,000 and the parsonage at \$25,000 is now debt free. The church also has a standard Sunday School, a standard Training Union, a standard W.M.U. and a Brotherhood.

The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Rev. D. W. Nix of Bogalusa, Louisiana, a former pastor of Juniper Grove Church. The pastor, Rev. D. Wade Smith, presided over the service and apologized to the throngs on the outside, who were unable to gain entrance to the building.

State Senator, H. K. Rouse, of Poplarville speaking in behalf of Senator Theo. G. Bilbo presented to the deacons the deed to the several acres of land on which is located the newly completed two-and-a-half story parsonage and a receipt signed by Senator Bilbo cancelling a \$503 indebtedness of the church to him for insurance premiums on the parsonage. The deed and receipt were accepted on behalf of the church by Walter Ladner, chairman of the deacons.

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Open house for visiting ministers and laymen of the Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference was held on Thursday afternoon, February 27 at Mississippi Woman's College. Guests were taken on a tour of the college buildings. Of especial interest was the newly decorated President's home. In the receiving line were: Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, executive secretary of Mississippi Baptists; Dr. I. E. Rouse, Woman's College President, and Mrs. Rouse; G. M. McWilliams; Rev. J. E. Barnes, moderator of Lebanon Association and Mrs. Barnes; and Mrs. C. H. Freeman, superintendent of the Lebanon Association W.M.U.

GRIM'S REST 22, PLEASANT HILL 34, POPLAR SPRINGS 17, ROCKPORT 3, SARDIS 34, SHADY GROVE 48, SPRING HILL 62, STRONG HOPE 50, WESSON 80, SMYRNA 25, DAMASCUS 16, ANTIOCH 17, SYLVARENA 47, PEARL VALLEY 31.

BRYANT MAKES GOOD START

Having had experience with the EVERY FAMILY Plan before he entered the chaplaincy, where he distinguished himself, Rev. James A. Bryant, who recently accepted the pastor of Calvary Church, Pike County, has already led that church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

The list of 51 was sent by the church treasurer, W. C. Price, Sr., of Pricedale.

Pike County has a large part in the phenomenal circulation of the Baptist Record and now has subscribers listed as follows: CALVARY 51, BALACHITTO 22, CENTRAL 23, EAST MCCOMB 262, FERNWOOD 61, FRIENDSHIP 136, HOLMESVILLE 32, MCCOMB FIRST 487, Magnolia 152, MT. ZION 64, OSYKA 83, Progress 2, SILVER CREEK 37, SOUTH SIDE MCCOMB 93, SUMMIT 104, TANGIPAHOA 82, THOMPSON 18, SILVER SPRINGS 61, TERRY'S CREEK 69, UNION 40, JOHNSTON STATION 37, Navilla 1.

Radio Listeners Urged To Demand Better Program

Radio listeners have the power to obtain better programs if they use the weapons at hand declares Jerome H. Springarn, formerly an attorney with the Federal Communications Commission, in a ten-cent pamphlet entitled RADIO IS YOURS published recently by the Public Affairs Committee, Inc.

Mr. Springarn cites "the unbroken hours of soap operas on the afternoon network schedules" as an example of badly balanced programs. He also cites the scarcity of sustaining programs during the best hours for radio listening, and the inadequacy of "live programs" on the local radio stations.

"When groups or individuals feel that their local radio stations have failed to live up to their obligations to the public", Mr. Springarn reminds them they have a weapon few of them even know about. "They can ask the FCC to hold a hearing on the station's application for a renewal and appear as witnesses. . . If this practice is continued, it will serve to encourage greater popular interest on radio administration."

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Inverness Will Send Pastor To World Alliance

When the news of the World Alliance meeting that is to be held in Stockholm Sweden first began to be talked about a few members of the Inverness Baptist Church thought of sending Pastor L. J. Crumby.

A few of the deacons' wives mentioned the matter to their husbands, who caught the spirit immediately. At the next regular Deacons' meeting the matter was presented and after a very short discussion a motion was made that the church attempt to obtain the necessary expense money for the pastor to attend the meeting. The Deacons asked the ladies to ask for donations from the membership and two days later they returned with an amount exceeding \$1,000.

The pastor was then asked, at the next Deacons' meeting if he would make the trip in the event all expenses were paid. After pulling himself together Pastor Crumby stated that he had always dreamed of such a trip, but naturally never expected it to get beyond the "dream stage".

So, Bro. Crumby is making his plans to go to Stockholm, and everybody is happy.

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Church Papers Protest Suspension

LONDON, (By Wireless to RNS)—The government's decree banning publication of religious weekly periodicals for two weeks in the interest of fuel conservation was criticized here by church editors on the ground that the ban should have been applied equally to secular weekly newspapers.

"Banning religious weeklies while permitting the publication of the Sunday newspapers, such as The News of the World, cannot be justified on grounds of fair play, common sense or as being in the national interest," declared the Sunday School Chronicle, one of the religious weeklies affected by the government's order.

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES

J. E. Dillard

Here are some interesting facts and figures based upon statistics given in the 1946 Southern Baptist Handbook. The figures are for the 1945 associational year.

Southern Baptist Totals

Number of churches 26,134, gain 281; ordained ministers 24,577, gain 672; baptisms 256,699, gain 39,879; church members 5,865,554, gain 205,362; Sunday school enrollment 3,525,310, gain 152,401; Training Union enrollment 703,332, gain 87,620; W.M.U. organizations 41,227, gain 1,560; Brotherhood enrollment 38,538.

Total gifts \$98,458,425, gain \$21,869,810; gifts to missions, etc. \$22,490,751, gain \$5,190,362; receipts of Executive Committee for Southwide causes \$5,735,559.83.

Total assets Southern Baptist Convention agencies \$39,464,413.81.

Per capita gifts to missions \$3.83, gain \$0.78.

States Leading

In number of churches: Texas 3,262; North Carolina 2,734.

Number of baptisms: Texas 41,468; North Carolina 26,783.

Number of members: Texas 921,885; Georgia 599,102.

Mission Gifts: Texas \$3,688,383; North Carolina \$2,280,311.

Ratio of baptisms to membership: California 1 to 6.5; Arizona 1 to 12.4.

Per capita gifts to missions, etc.: District of Columbia \$8.74; Arizona \$7.18. Per capita increase to missions: Georgia 52.8 per cent; Tennessee 52.6 per cent. All states show increased per capita gifts to missions.

Some Large Churches

In membership there are 54 churches with more than 3,000 members each, 28 with more than 4,000, 12 with more than 5,000, 5 with more than 6,000, 3 with more than 7,000, 1 with more than 8,000. First Church, Dallas reports 8,253; First Church, San Antonio 7,661. Twenty-one of these churches are in Texas.

The combined membership of these 54 churches is 233,649; Number of baptisms 7,489, or 1 to 31. Highland Park, Chattanooga led in baptisms with 287; Bellevue, Memphis was second with 281.

Total local expenses of the 54 churches \$4,175,591 or per capita \$17.87; gifts to missions \$2,346,243 or per capita \$10.04.

Ten of these churches gave more to mission causes than they spent at home. First Church, Knoxville led in mission gifts \$225,676 or per capita \$61.04. First Church, Dallas was next with \$219,175 or per capita \$26.55.

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South Carolina Divorce Bill Passes Second Reading

COLUMBIA, S. C. —(RNS)— By a vote of 85 to 32 a proposed constitutional amendment to permit divorces in South Carolina passed second reading in the House of Representatives. A minimum of 83 favorable votes is required for the two-thirds majority necessary.

The resolution originally provided merely for submission of the question of elimination of the state's ban of 52 years on divorce, but was amended to stipulate that divorces be granted only on grounds of adultery, incurable insanity, habitual drunkenness, desertion and physical cruelty.

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T. L. Hollingsworth of Ebenezer Church, Attala County, has helped the Baptist Record circulation by sending a list of new and renewal subscriptions.

Woman's Missionary Union

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson

MISSISSIPPI CHAPLAIN IN JAPAN (Excerpts from a letter)

You have a splendid W.M.U. Training School over here. I visited the school and saw a large group of intelligent nice looking students and a nice building fairly well equipped. They have a few orphan children whom the girls look after. They could help a lot more orphans if they had anything to help them with. Why don't you get every W.M.U. member in the Southern Baptist Convention to send an eleven-pound box of food and clothing to this W.M.U. Training School? Baby and small children's clothing and baby food and cod liver oil etc., could come in any quantity and be used to save lives and advance the Kingdom.

I have the utmost confidence in every penny being spent wisely. They could trade any surplus for other things that they need. We will never have a greater opportunity for a big blitzkrieg (hope spelled right) for Christ or better chance to strengthen Baptist work than now. Japanese people are trying to learn English and all kinds of English literature is in demand. Why don't you salt the country down with good Baptist and other Christian literature?

I have joined the Baptist church here and baptized three soldiers into the fellowship of the church. Three more will be baptized next Sunday.

(Many Mississippians will remember P. E. Cullom, a native Mississippian now serving as a chaplain with the occupation forces in Japan. This letter should stir us to action concerning our opportunity and responsibility to Japan).

We have a list of Japanese Baptists to whom such gift packages may be sent—write W.M.U. Dept., Box 530, Jackson for a name.

Suggestions as to Relief Packages to Japanese Baptists.

Food Parcels

- 1 or 2 pounds of rice
- 1 can processed meat or meat stew
- 1 box oatmeal or Cream of Wheat
- Bouillon or Powdered Soups
- Powdered Coffee
- Canned Cream or Powdered Milk
- 1 Bottle of 50 or More Vitamin Tablets
- Dried Fruits
- Sweets in Air-tight Containers
- Flour or Macaroni
- 2 or 3 Cans of Beans or Peas etc.

Clothing Parcels

- 1 or 2 Tufted Towels
- Warm Underclothing for 1 Person
- 1 Package of Needles
- 1 Spool Each of Black and White Thread
- 1-2 Package Straight Pins
- Old but Good Clothing
- 1 or 2 Cakes of Soap
- Lead Pencils
- Memo Tablets or Note-Books
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
- Combs and Hair-pins
- Wool Yarns and Needles etc. etc.

The local postoffice can furnish full instructions for shipping. Gift-parcels must not exceed eleven pounds in weight. Only sturdy cardboard boxes securely packed arrive in good condition. It is suggested that salt, a very scarce item, be placed in a can and that flour and sugar be sacked in cloth (rather than paper) bags, be-

fore they are packed in the carton. Contents of gift-parcels are limited to essential relief items: non-perishable foods (tinned meats are valuable), soap, mailable medicines and clothing. Post cards are also accepted for message of concern, written in English, to the Japanese family who is mailing and may carry a Christian to receive a parcel.

REPORT OF THE W.M.U. TRAINING SCHOOL

(Carrie U. Littlejohn, Principal)

Recently an editorial in the *Courier Journal* entitled "The New Maturity of American Youth" closed with these words: "America itself has grown up in the last few years. We have taken on the responsibilities of world leadership, and we will need big people to carry the load. It is fortunate that we are developing a good crop."

Enlisting and developing the youth of our denomination for world citizenship and world service is the most fruitful work of Woman's Missionary Union. Enlisting must be done wherever we can find our young people—in our missionary organizations and other church groups, on college campuses and in summer camps and conferences. After enlistment into active volunteer church service, after dedication of life to full-time Christian service, after basic education and work experience, the Woman's Missionary Union Training School comes into the picture as a place of developing and training our young women for Christian leadership in the places of strategic missionary importance in our denomination, let us be sure that they understand that it is a place for special study and training for those who are definitely committed to special Christian service.

Our enrollment to date is 135 boarding and 79 day students, a total of 214. The call for trained workers of superior qualifications continues to come to us. It is distressing to be able to fill so few of these places, but it gives us a sense of pride and satisfaction to point to the service of our graduates of last year. From the sixty-six graduates six were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to Nigeria, Hawaii, Paraguay, Colombia and China; five are engaged in some form of associational, state and home mission work; three are serving as state W.M.U. young people's secretaries; four are student secretaries; nine are in church positions; one is office secretary and registrar at the Training School; one is working with church libraries; three are teaching Bible in public schools; three are regular public school teachers; four are engaged in further study; fifteen were wives of Seminary students and are busy in church work with their pastor husbands or doing some work on the side in the business world or public school to make it possible for their husbands to complete their seminary work; this could be said also for the eleven who have married since last May.

The present student body includes the following Mississippians: Misses Nella Dean Mitchell, Louisville; Arlena Smith, Blue Mountain; Maxie King, Canton; Edna Earl Poyner, Hattiesburg; Genevieve Averett, Hattiesburg; Ollie Wilson, McComb; Mary

First Church, Columbus, Holds School of Religious Drama

The week of February 9-14 was set aside for a school of Religious Dramatics at the First Baptist Church, Columbus. Dr. Charles A. McGlon, Speech and Dramatics Dept., at Southern Seminary, was the leader.

He set forth the possibilities and the necessity of such a program in a well-rounded program of a church. Plans were outlined for the beginning of such a program and the program was initiated at the Wednesday night prayer service with a dedication service for the new curtains just recently installed in two stages in the Educational building. The service was climaxed by a play, "The Spirit of Missions" given by the B.S.U. Baptist Players of MSCW.

Dr. McGlon stated that as far as the Seminary knew that this was the first such week by any Baptist Church in the Convention.

The members of the First Church are anticipating great things of the future in this helpful addition to its already well planned recreation program. It would recommend it heartily to any church that has the talent and facilities. Write Dr. Charles A. McGlon, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., for information concerning such a program.

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Barrow Ordained At West Laurel

At the request of the Becker Baptist church, J. E. Barrow was ordained to the ministry at the West Laurel church February 9, 1947, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Rev. Bryan Simmons led in the examination. Rev. H. J. Rushing preached the sermon. Deacon W. B. Moody led in the prayer and Rev. H. L. Courtney delivered the charge to the preacher. Rev. J. W. Parrish gave the charge to the church. The Bible was presented by Rev. M. C. Therrell.

The ordaining counsel was made up of the ministers assisting and deacons from West Laurel and First Baptist, Second Avenue, Beacon and Bethlehem churches in Jones county.

The newly ordained minister is a student at Clarke Memorial College in Newton, and has the best wishes of many friends in this section.

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A PLACE OF SPRINGS by Barbara C. Rybert is a small volume of deeply spiritual devotional poems which manifest an abiding faith in the goodness of the Lord. These verses adequately express experiences and feelings common to all Christians. Inspirational, challenging, even humorous, these poems will prove enjoyable reading and instill deeper consecration. The price is \$1.00 and the publishers are the Moody Press, 153 Institute Place, Chicago 10, Illinois. Order from the publishers or from the Baptist Book Store.

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Rev. C. J. Olander of Morgan City writes as follows: "Because of my interest in developing our rural sections in Mississippi economically as well as spiritually, I was elected vice-president of the Mississippi Guernsey Breeders Association for the central district."

Ann Odum, Hattiesburg and Grace Lovelace, Jackson.



Department of Church Music

LUTHER A. HARRISON, Secretary

SUMMER SCHOOLS

Each mail brings requests for Summer Schools of Music. Give us the date and say that you will pay our teacher \$35 and we will schedule the school on that date or suggest another date. Next week will be too late for some dates.

STATE MUSIC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE—JUNE 30-JULY 4

Reservations for this Conference can be made now. We are planning for 300 from over the state. We will have some pictures of the Leaders in a few weeks. Music lovers, do not miss this opportunity to study with these music leaders.

WRITE US ABOUT AUSTIN WILLIAMS

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Williams will begin their work, as teachers of music, the second week in March. They are giving themselves wholeheartedly to the teaching and leading of Good Music throughout Mississippi. In two weeks time we have booked fifteen weeks for them. Mr. Williams is a good song leader and an excellent soloist. His wife plays for him and teaches piano.

These good musicians are not on a salary but have faith in the people and God to provide for them financially. When you have them, give them a love offering just like you do in a revival meeting. A good school of music will do your church almost as much good as a revival. Let us put this matter on a Love basis and not on a "five-dollar-per-head" arrangement.

REGISTER YOUR SPECIAL GROUPS

If you have a newly-organized Woman's Missionary Union octet, let us know about it. Register your Training Union Ensembles, your Sunday School Hymn Players and your Instrumental Ensembles.

EASTER ANTHEM SUGGESTIONS

No. 2095, "Alleluia! He Arose", 20c; No. 2017, "O Divine Redeemer", 20c; No. 2019, "The Trumpet Shall Sound", 20c; No. 2016, "A Message of Easter", 20c. These can be secured through the Baptist Book Store.

REMEMBER THE STATE MUSIC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, JUNE 30-JULY 4.

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MSC Students Hold Meeting At Sand Hill, Perry County

The Ministerial League of Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg, supported by a group of students recently conducted a week-end revival at Sand Hill Church in Perry County.

Among those taking part were: Mary Benton Gray, Bobby Kingsberry, Theo Breland, Newell Massey, Rev. Jett Walley, Mary Alice Fancher, Betty Freeman, Arline Mayfield, Joyce Saxon, Joyce Moulder, Byron Mathis.

The pastor, Rev. Orman Knight, was in charge of the Sunday morning service and Rev. C. S. Moulder brought the closing message on Sunday night. Fourteen people surrendered for full-time Christian service. There were four additions to the church.

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

W. R. ROBERTS, Associate
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary



REV. E. C. EDWARDS

Rev. E. C. Edwards, pastor, East McComb Baptist church, will direct the music at our Sunday School Convention in the First Baptist church of McComb, March 11-12.

We are delighted to have this successful singer and leader of music in many special programs over a period of years to direct our music during the Convention.

FT. BAYOU MOVES FORWARD

An Inside Enlargement Campaign was held in the Jackson county association the first week in last November. One of the cooperating churches was Ft. Bayou, a rural church with a small membership.

During that week four new classes were started. Since then, the school has more than doubled its enrollment and reached nearly half of the resident church members that were not enrolled in Sunday school at the beginning of this campaign. They have also organized an Extension department.

This is certainly a very remarkable record, and we wish to commend most heartily Pastor H. D. Walker and Superintendent Ralph V. Walker, Sr., in the good leadership they are providing their church. We commend this plan to other churches also.

THANKS, MR. WASHBURN!

Mr. A. V. Washburn, Secretary of Teaching and Training, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., said in a recent statement: "Mississippi certainly is to be congratulated upon its splendid record in training. Testing this record by almost any means Mississippi stands in an inviolable position, number of churches, number of associations or number of awards."

We thank you, Mr. Washburn. We also are grateful to the hundreds of Sunday school leaders over the state who made this good record possible. **WANT SOME FREE LITERATURE?**

Yes, we have literature! And we have all kinds!

We have big literature, little literature, long literature, short literature, wide literature, narrow literature, white literature, blue literature, red literature, green literature, yellow literature, pink literature, purple literature, salmon (color only) literature,—and, if there is literature in other colors, we have it too. We have it all.

And, it isn't just color only! (Of course, it's all Sunday school litera-



MISS RUBY NELL WALDEN

Miss Ruby Nell Walden, Director of Education, First Baptist Church, Jackson, will direct the Young People's conferences at our Sunday School Convention in the First Baptist Church of McComb, March 11-12.

Miss Walden is one of our most efficient workers and we are sure that many of our leaders of Young People's departments and classes will want to take advantage of her helpful services at the Convention.

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We have literature for general officers, department officers, class officers, group captains, and teachers.

We have literature on department work, class work and school work (yes, believe it or not, but there really is work in building a good Sunday school). We have literature on Vacation Bible schools and associational work.

We have literature on babies, boys and girls (younger and older), young people and adults. We have literature on those who do attend Sunday school and those who don't.

We have literature on visiting, officers and teachers' meetings, grading, promotion, standards, records, Bible using, leaving home, coming home, better teaching, clinics (spiritual, not physical), boy needs man, man needs boy, if had a son, if had a daughter, facing life, the next step (Sunday school leaders should take it), suggested programs, (it's easy to suggest, you know), adult night, age vs. social, young adults, old adults, middle (in age) adults.

We have Cradle Roll literature, Nursery literature, Beginner literature, Primary literature, Junior Literature, Intermediate literature, Young People's literature, Adult literature, Extension literature.

We have literature on training, books, absentees, new pupils, census, enlargement, right way, wrong way, homes, pictures, hand work, stories, covenants, conversation, place beautiful.

We have literature on church buildings—rural buildings, village buildings, town buildings, city buildings—all kinds of buildings.

Yes, sir, we have literature!

The price?

Oh, we're sorry we were about to overlook that!

The price? Just one cent! What's the one cent for? A postal card to make your request.

Believe us, we have literature!

Is It Worse?

By C. L. Boland, Seminary Hill Texas

Conscience demands that I write these lines for publication in The Baptist Record and at least two secular papers in Mississippi. It has come to my attention through the secular press of our state that the "liquor crowd" makes much ado about the fact that a preacher in Mississippi has come to the conclusion that prohibition has "failed" and that the state must go into the liquor business and "control" it. Strange that the devil's crowd, which cares nothing for anything good that a preacher does, says, or stands for, would consider this act such an accomplishment!

When one who is designated by the name "preacher", supposed to be one with a message of life and salvation, betrays the high calling which he claims to be his by endorsing the legalizing of that which spells ruin and damnation, surely it is a victory for the devil, and his crowd has something to "crow" about. I rejoice because so far as I know we have not had a Baptist preacher to show that kind of color!

The substance of the liquor crowd's propaganda for the legalizing of their product is that since there is plenty of liquor anyway we had as well go ahead and legalize it and get the "revenue". Their companion statement to this is: "Conditions would not be any worse and the chances are they would not be as bad". If by "regulation" and "control" conditions "would be no worse and possibly better," that would of necessity mean that there would be no more drinking and possibly less. What sane person would believe that the liquor crowd favored a program that would bring about no more drinking, and possibly less? They are keenly aware of the fact that when liquor is given the approval of the state and is put on shelves in public places everywhere, more people will drink and drink more.

To the statement, "It would be no worse", which we hear so often, I would like to reply with this question, "Where did such information as that come from?" Until I came to the Seminary here in Fort Worth, most of my life was spent in Mississippi. There was plenty of liquor in my home community. I was pastor and teacher in several sections of the state. I submit that there was and is plenty of drunkenness and its effects in our state where we still have our prohibition law.

But, after spending a year in a city where the business is "wide open", I can say IT IS WORSE where liquor is legalized. Hardly a day passes but that our daily paper here carries the story of someone being either killed or maimed by a drunken driver. Even the city and county authorities are becoming alarmed over the situation. Someone may say, "Well, we have the same things to happen in Mississippi". To this I reply, "Even so, but not in such numbers as here".

In addition to the increase in wreck, ruin, and death, there is a psychological effect that is produced by legalized liquor. Even a law-abiding citizen seeing liquor in store after store, will more and more come to take it for granted. Down in his heart he still knows that the business is wrong, but his conclusion is: "Oh well, it has the approval of the state and there is nothing that can be done about it". If legalized liquor has that kind of effect on those who have lived under prohibition, who can imagine the effect it will inevitably have on the generations who might never know anything except "regulation" and "control"?

Surrounding counties here have voted liquor and beer out by local option. It is my privilege to go out and preach each week-end, in two different counties, both of which are dry by local option. Conditions in those counties are nothing to compare with conditions in the wet

Mississippi Calendar Of Prayer

March 10—J. M. Deaton, Farm Manager and Dean of Boys, Baptist Orphanage; Rev. W. L. Meadows, Convention Board Member, Clarke County Association.

March 11—F. L. Fair, Trustee, Mississippi Baptist Foundation; John D. Davis, Convention Board Member, Deen Creek Association.

March 12—Rev. Harry Forah, B.T.U. President, District 8; Dr. H. T. Ashford, College Physician, Mississippi College.

March 13—Kern Pratt, member, Mississippi Baptist Convention Brotherhood Committee; J. J. Burson, Bolivar County Convention Board member.

March 14—Miss Nina Gay Whatley, Matron Clarke Memorial College; Dr. J. D. Franks, Convention Board Member Columbus Association.

March 15—W. R. Roberts, Associate Secretary, Sunday School Department; Dr. W. A. Hewitt, Convention Board Member, Hinds-Warren Association.

March 16—Rev. C. O. Daniels, Training Union Director, Kemper County Association; Rev. W. L. Day, Winston County Convention Board Member.

counties. Any honest, sober man in either a dry or wet county will give the same opinion. Statistics from the sheriff's offices, the courts or any other source will corroborate this statement.

Is it worse? After having lived in the presence of both prohibition and "legalized liquor," I would like to say: "No person can say it is not worse and be both honest and intelligent. Either he does not know whereof he speaks, or he has no capacity for telling the truth. He is either the biggest fool outside an insane asylum or he is the biggest liar outside of hell". Take it from one who has seen both sides, IT IS WORSE.

My appeal to the sober citizenship of our beloved state is that they keep up the fight against legalized liquor. I notice that a former legislator from the Mississippi Delta was very indignant because the preachers of Mississippi, during a recent session of the legislature, "descended upon the capitol like a drove of locusts, rounded up their representatives and marched them to the capitol". What in the name of common decency should they have done? Evidently, this politician thought the preachers should have remained at home, intimidated like whipped dogs, keeping their mouths shut and "attending to their own business", while the motley liquor crowd descended upon the capitol, not like a drove of locusts, but like a pack of wolves, ready to pounce upon, destroy and devour anything with any appearance of innocence, decency or honor. The devil would like for all of us, if we will not side with his crowd actively, then to "just keep quiet and attend to our own business". May the God of Heaven forbid that we shall ever fail to register our convictions on so vital issue!

I notice that the people of Mississippi are greatly aroused, and rightly so, because of three murders in recent weeks which were attributed to liquor. May I ask two questions in that connection: First, what would be your reaction if you read of those things daily as I do? Such incidents are merely taken for granted here where we have "regulation" and "control". Second, how do the Jackson Daily News and others place the blood of those victims on the hands of the people of Mississippi who oppose the hypocritical program of "regulation" and "control"? As Mr. Tom Hederman has so well said in the columns of the Daily Clarion-Ledger, there COULD be something done about it. It is enforcement, not abolition, of our present laws that is needed!

SPARKS & SPLINTERS

Rev. Mack Jones has resigned the pastorate at Collins and returned to the pastorate at Chatham, Alabama, where he was pastor before coming to Collins. During the years that Pastor Jones has been at Collins he has done an exceedingly good work and the people regretted to give him up.

Jessie Clower, clerk of New Zion Church, announces that a gathering of gospel singers of all the churches of Copiah County, at New Zion church at 2:00 o'clock on Sunday, March 16. A special invitation is extended all soloists, quartettes and choruses.

On February 23 Newton Baptist Church granted an indefinite leave of absence to Pastor R. A. Morris, in order that he may undergo a major operation. The church is praying that Pastor Morris may recover sufficiently to be able to preach his tenth anniversary sermon to the church on the first Sunday in May. Rev. Martin V. McKinstler, Dean of Clarke College has been elected as supply pastor during the absence of Pastor Morris.

The Sweetheart Banquet held for the Young People under the auspices of the president, Mrs. R. L. Vandiver and Young People's leader, Mrs. J. B. Purvis, and counsellor, Mrs. J. C. Calk of the W. M. U. of the First Baptist Church in Grenada was a happy event, recently. There were 165 present. Kermit Cofer of Water Valley was speaker.

The alumni of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary are requested to attend a luncheon to be held in McComb on the last day of the State Sunday School Convention, March 12, at 12:15 p.m. The luncheon will be at Anderson's Cafe, the price of plates being 75c each. Dr. Leavell will speak.

Pastor H. Tom Wiles of First Church, Lawton, Oklahoma, reports a good revival recently when C. E. Matthews, Superintendent of Evangelism for the Home Mission Board did the preaching and Gayle Holcomb of Oklahoma City led the music. There were 139 for baptism, 59 by letter, with 26 other professions. Of those uniting with the church 100 were adults and 34 were men, heads of families. One boy surrendered to preach and another announced his call to be a missionary. Hundreds came for rededication.

The Thrasher Baptist Church recently completed a B.T.U. Study Course in which there were 17 awards. The books taught were doctrinal. Pastor Marvin E. Hines was assisted by Rev. and Mrs. G. B. Basden of Wheeler, and Mrs. Trop Inman Thrasher.

On Sunday night, February 23, Rev. C. L. Phipps with his congregation from Bethel Church met in joint service with the Newton Church, Pastor Phipps bringing the message, after which he baptized two candidates for membership in his church, and Pastor R. A. Morris baptized three who had recently joined the Newton Church.—Reporter.

Dr. M. E. Dodd announces the Twelfth Annual Pre-Convention Pastors' Conference to be held Tuesday, May 6, 1947, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the beautiful and spacious sanctuary of the Second Baptist Church of St. Louis.

The State Mission Board of Florida has voted to send Executive Secretary, John Maguire, to the Baptist World Alliance, which meets at Copenhagen July 29.

The year 1946 was a great one for Gaston Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas, Dr. W. Marshall Craig, pastor. From the annual report the following facts have been gleaned: Additions 506, by baptism 130; present membership 6,042; average Training Union attendance 418; average Sunday School attendance 1,445; total receipts \$220,614.

Morgan City has a standard Sunday school for the seventh time in eight years. The only year it did not qualify was during the war when it was not possible to have a young people's department. They were all gone. Otherwise it was standard. Rev. C. J. Olander is pastor.

Otis R. Smith of Poplarville has sent the Baptist Record a copy of the 1946 minutes of the Pearl River County Baptist Association. The job printing is a good one and the minutes are well-prepared and full of information. The minutes indicate that contributions for local expenses for the year total \$100,327. The total for all missions was \$26,032. The present membership of all the churches of the Association total 6,321.

The Baptist Record is in receipt of an attractive church handbook issued by Highland Heights Church, Memphis, Dr. S. A. Murphy, pastor. The book is full of interesting information about the church and is a challenge to every member, to do more in '47 than he did in '46. In addition to the other information it contains a day by day calendar for the entire year. Somebody did a lot of work and a lot of planning.

RALEIGH, N. C.—(RNS)—At the request of the North Carolina Council of Church-Related Colleges, denominational colleges and universities in the state have been exempted from payment of the North Carolina sales tax on the purchase of supplies.

ALL OUT FOR GOD by Dr. Walter R. Alexander is the gripping story of a young pastor, John C. Cowell, Jr., whose life was cut short while his ministry was at its height. Converted at the age of 22, John Christopher Cowell, Jr., made his surrender complete. Trying to make up for lost years, the young evangelist set himself a schedule for Bible study and prayer that would put many to shame today. His Bible study was constant before and after Seminary days. Truly his grave-stone in Fayetteville, North Carolina, reads aright as the inscription reads, "John C. Cowell, Jr., Born Feb. 25, 1901, Born Again April 8, 1923, Called Home May 15, 1944". Following 12 years of intensive evangelistic service, John Cowell held only one pastorate and that of Central Baptist Church, Decatur, Alabama. The ministry of John C. Cowell, Jr., lives on in the lives of the scores of young people won to Christ, and others who themselves surrendered to full time service. He also lives in the faithful testimony of his young wife, Ruth Alexander Cowell, and their son, John Christian Cowell, who was born seven weeks after his father was "called home". Published by the Moody Press, Chicago, Illinois, the book sells for \$1.50 and may be ordered from the publishers or from the Baptist Book Store. (Note: The writer of this review was a neighbor of John Cowell's as a child, and, having followed his ministry through the years, acknowledges with grateful appreciation this heart-warming book from Dr. Alexander. We are sure it will prove an inspiration and a challenge to all who read it.—E.D.)

"THE HOUR OF POWER" STILL GOING STRONG: Well into its sixth year of existence, the Hour of Power at Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, Kentucky, continues to supply the spiritual strength to do great things through God's help. Rev. John E. Huss, pastor of the Church is a happy preacher these days. What preacher wouldn't be? On Christmas night the mid-week prayer meeting attendance was 604. This on a night when most Churches omitted the prayer meeting! On New Year's night, the footing made treacherous by sleet and ice, there were 667 persons present. Then to make things really interesting, there were 1,154 present on January 8th. This made the ninth time that the prayer service exceeded 1,000 in attendance. THE BEST PART OF ALL IS THAT POWER IS MADE AVAILABLE TO MAKE EVERY PHASE OF THE WORK MORE OUTSTANDING, SOULS ARE BEING SAVED, PEOPLE ARE GENEROUS, A SPIRIT OF CHRIST-LIKE LOVE ABOUND FOR ONE ANOTHER. YES SIR! PRAYER CHANGES THINGS!

The Library of First Church, Danville, Kentucky, Wayne E. Todd, (Mississippian) pastor, opened February 5 with 155 books. Twenty-three books were checked out on the opening night. There are three librarians and the library will be open at regular intervals.

The 1946-47 enrollment at Southwestern Seminary shows an all-time high of 1376 resident students. Of this number 853 are men and 523 are women, coming from 34 states, the District of Columbia and five foreign countries. A total of 192 enrolled exclusively for correspondence courses, making a grand total of 1568 for the year.

Deacon J. H. Couch of Calvary Church, Greenwood, sells Raleigh products. Many of his customers are negroes. Brother Couch takes old Sunday School and Baptist Training Union literature plus what religious pamphlets and tracts he can get his hands on and distributes among his negro customers. They read and appreciate and keep asking for more. In this way he is probably instrumental in leading some of them to accept Christ as Savior. He is doing real missionary work. He is an emissary of good will and racial understanding. We commend his practice as an example of one who uses business contacts for God's glory.

WHITTIER, Cal.—(RNS)—A new Christian Day School will be opened here in September by the Calvary Baptist Church, it was announced by the Rev. G. R. Siemens, pastor. Classes for pre-school ages and the first eight grades will be held in the present educational plant, which will be enlarged in time for the fall term.

The Baptist Record is grateful to Longtown Church, Panola County, and W. B. Barham, who is clerk for the nice list of new and renewal subscriptions. Such friends have enabled the Baptist Record to have such a large subscription list which is now almost 57,000 weekly.

Richard W. Moseley has been elected director-treasurer of the Louisiana Baptist Foundation. He succeeds Dr. C. W. Culp, who recently resigned to accept a pastorate in Illinois. The father of Mr. Moseley is Jos. B. Moseley, who was for many years Sunday School and Training Union Secretary in Louisiana.

Approve United Protestant Mission Work On Okinawa

NEW YORK, —(RNS)— A decision to establish united Protestant missionary work on Okinawa Island was unanimously approved here at a meeting of the recently-formed Okinawa committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

The action was described by the Rev. Rowland M. Cross, secretary of the committee, as a major step toward fulfilling the desire of many Christian leaders both in the United States and overseas to conduct Protestant foreign mission activities on an inter-denominational rather than a denominational basis.

Tentative plans call for the sending of a small staff of missionaries and workers to Okinawa to serve as Protestants with no specific denominational label. It is expected that a hospital and a school will be established as soon as possible.

The Okinawa project was first proposed by a small group of native Christians on the island to American chaplains who served there during the war, according to the Rev. Garland E. Hopkins of Washington, D. C., associate secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church.

The present governor of Okinawa, Shikiya Koshin, as well as other leading Okinawans, have expressed the need for mission work on the island, Mr. Hopkins said.

Declaring that "there is a religious neutrality and apathy on the island that is probably unequalled in any other place in the world," Mr. Hopkins said Buddhism and Shintoism were introduced there by the Japanese centuries ago but seem to have had little impact.

Mr. Hopkins described the island as the "least provided for and the most needy" of any country occupied by the United States.

IN MEMORY OF MR. J. M. EDWARDS, Cedar Bluff, Miss., Who Passed Away June 1944

Oh, how we miss you, Papa!
So much that no one knows.
We loved you very much
And hated to see you go.
But we prayed, "Thy will be done,"
Each time we bowed or knelt
And we're sure if God had thought best
He would have saved and healed.
So we know He knew you were tired,
Papa,
And took you Home to Himself
Where you can rest forever
In that sweet Land of the Blessed.
You tried to make us happy
While you were here below,
Now we want to be like you
By trying to make others so.
We know if you could speak
From that fair home on high
You would say, "Don't worry about me,
Don't weep or even sigh."
"For I'm up here with Jesus
Free from sorrow, pain, and care
And I want you to get ready,
Yes, I want you to prepare."
"Just love the pretty flowers
And the sweet music too.
Love all God's wondrous creations
Then evil things won't bother you."
Yes, we are going to be ready
To meet you up there on high
Wait for us by that beautiful gate
When we come sailing through the sky.

Written by his daughter-in-law,
MRS. J. E. EDWARDS
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Cedar Bluff, Miss.—Paid



Brotherhood Department

J. H. Street, Secretary

THOSE TEN OBJECTIVES

The Baptist Brotherhood has a platform. The "Aims and Objectives" as outlined by the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, are as follows:

BROTHERHOOD AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Loyalty to our pastor.
2. Cooperation with every denominational agency.
3. Cooperation with every department and organization of the church.
4. A greater emphasis on personal evangelism.
5. Increased circulation of our denominational papers.
6. Tithes brought weekly into the storehouse, and offerings in addition, especially in emergencies.
7. Progressive advance in church budgets.
8. Fifty-fifty division of all receipts as ideal.
9. Liberal support and patronage of denominational institutions.
10. Proclamation of the gospel to the uttermost part of the earth.

INTEREST IN CONVENTION INCREASES

From all parts of the state we hear of growing interest in the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Convention. President Harry T. Smallwood, of Laurel, reports that a goal of one hundred in attendance at the Convention has been set for District Two by the Deer Creek Associational Brotherhood. This District (Delta area) has challenged District Four (northeast portion of state) to bring as many men as they do.

Hollandale Meeting

The Deer Creek men held a meeting at Hollandale on the night of February 18. J. Wesley Miller, Rolling Fork attorney, is associational president. Nine churches were represented, with a total of 57 present. Dr. E. D. Elliott, Greenville, conducted the devotional. Harry Smallwood spoke in the interest of the Mississippi Men's Convention at Calvary Church, Jackson, April 7-8. J. D. Davis, Greenville, Convention Board president, urged good attendance at the State Convention and requested that the men make commitment on their intention to attend. Twenty-one stood.

Laurel Mayor Speaks

Mayor Carroll Gartin, of Laurel, a veteran of World War II and an active layman, addressed the association on the subject of "Christian Service", challenging the men to do their best for the Master. Dr. Holland, of the East Church, Greenville, led the closing prayer.

NEW HOPE (SIMPSON) NEWS

On the night of February 16, the Brotherhood of the New Hope (Simpson) Baptist Church served a splendid supper to the membership of the church in honor of Pastor Otis D. Ashworth and Mrs. Ashworth. The occasion was the close of the most successful year in the life of the church. The Brotherhood was ably assisted by members of the W.M.U. and Sunday School and others.

Varied Program Presented

Dennis McClendon was in charge of the evening's exercises. He and the committee from the W.M.U. were prepared to give the members of the church a real night of fellowship.

The program opened with a song by the congregation. Prayer was offered

by Elory Herrington and special music was rendered by the men. The devotional was led by the pastor, who used as his text, "My cup runneth over". Prayer was then led by Haley Roberts.

President Herrington Speaks

Brotherhood President Scott Herrington inspired the church with a message about the Brotherhood and its value to the church and the pastor, as well as for the members themselves.

Meal Is Served

Supper was then served to the membership of the church and a fellowship period followed. In this portion of the meeting a pounding was given Pastor and Mrs. Ashworth. Soon, the pastor reports, his car was overflowing, as well as his heart! Canned fruits, vegetables, fresh meat, canned meat, butter, eggs, sausage, potatoes, and many other gifts went into the generous careful given to the pastor.

All Work Has Progressed

Pastor Ashworth says that the Brotherhood has made marked progress under the leadership of President Scott Herrington, as have the W.M.U. under the presidency of Mrs. Haley Roberts and the Sunday School led by Superintendent J. D. Herrington. A sweet spirit has prevailed and fellowship and cooperation have been strong and fruitful as the membership of the New Hope Church united in the promotion of kingdom of God.

Men Wire Secretary Cooke

The New Hope Brotherhood sent a message to Secretary Lawson H. Cooke, Memphis, assuring him of their sympathy and prayers. Mrs. Cooke was buried on February 10.

NEW BROTHERHOODS

Sylvarena, Copiah, Rev. M. P. Jones, pastor, has just organized. The president is A. L. Lowery, Wesson, Route 4. Other officers are J. W. Jackson, Garland N. Case, M. L. Greer and Jack Lowery—all addresses Wesson, Route 4. They organized with twenty-two members. The men of the church are already active and the pastor holds the highest hopes for the progress and success of the new Brotherhood.

Philipp, Tallahatchie, Rev. O. B. Robertson, pastor. The Philipp men elected A. J. Williams president and H. H. Starnes membership vice-president. The secretary-treasurer is E. L. English. Addresses are all Philipp. Other officers will be elected later.

DISTRICT SEVEN OFFICERS MEET

President Horace Headrick called a meeting of the officers of District Seven in Hattiesburg on February 25. In addition to himself, vice-president O. H. Longcoy, Biloxi, and a few visitors were present, including Convention President Harry Smallwood and Johnnie Flood, Laurel.

Goal is Two Hundred

This group decided to set a goal of two hundred to attend the Brotherhood Convention in Jackson on April 8. Key men were chosen to represent Brotherhood work in each county in the district and preliminary plans were made for organizing an associational Brotherhood in District Seven. President Evan Godwin announces

How To Become A Christian

By J. E. Heath, Duck Hill, Miss.

Christianity is not a profession, it is a life. We do not become Christians by joining the church, but by spiritual birth. We enter into natural life by physical birth, and it is equally true that we enter into spiritual life by spiritual birth. The Lord Jesus told Nicodemus: "Ye must be born again." How are we born again? The apostle Paul, writing to the Galatians, said: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." The apostle John put it this way: "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: Which were born . . . of God."

The apostle Peter wrote on the same subject and said: "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." The apostle James also said: "Of His own will begat He us with the Word of Truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of His creatures."

So you see that the Lord, even Jesus and four of His writing apostles, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit all agreed on this most important truth that the way to become a Christian is to hear the Word of Truth, "the gospel of your salvation" and receive the Christ of the gospel by faith, even believing on Him and by so doing we become the children of God, "being born again."

We are told that, "The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." What is this gospel that has such dynamic power that it will produce life out of the dead? It is the good news, the glad tidings of, "How that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures." What does the scripture teach as to how Christ died for our sins? It teaches that He suffered and died in our room and stead; that His sufferings were vicarious and that His death was substitutional. Here is what it says about it: "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." Also: "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree." And again: "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." When the Lord Jesus died on the cross He said: "It is finished." What was finished? Our eternal redemption. We read in Hebrews: "But Christ being come an High Priest of good thing to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the Holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

How do we become a Christian? By being born again. How are we begotten? "By the word of truth. (James 1:18). How are we born? "By the word of God" (I Peter 1:23). By what word? By the word of God, "The gospel of your salvation" (Eph. 1:13). How is the word of the gospel administered? "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (I Cor. 1:21).

The Lord Jesus said: "Verily, Verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me hath

that the Lauderdale County Associational Brotherhood will meet with the South Side Church, Meridian, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. At this meeting plans will be made to carry one hundred men to the Brotherhood Convention in Jackson, April 8.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE LAUNCHES PROGRAM IN DP CAMPS

NEW YORK, —(RNS)— Appointment of a new field representative to work among refugees in displaced persons camps in Germany was announced here by Dr. Hazel G. Ormsbee, executive secretary of the Displaced Persons Division of Church World Service, joint Protestant relief and reconstruction agency.

The new representative, Barent F. Landstreet, former director of the D P camp in Regensburg, Germany, will be associated with James K. Davis, a field worker sent over in December by Church World Service to complete negotiations for the displaced persons program.

According to Dr. Ormsbee, the two field representatives will have headquarters in Munich and will visit DP camps in all three zones in Germany. They will work in close cooperation with UNRRA and the Inter-Governmental Refugee Committee.

In addition to selecting and screening refugees to be brought to this country for resettlement by Church World Service, the men will help in the repatriation of families of displaced persons and, where possible, will aid in the migration of displaced persons to other countries than the United States. They will also make a survey of the relief needs in the camps with a view to determining whether Church World Service should supplement the relief now being given by other agencies.

The social service program to be set up in the DP camps will include vocational training and orientation courses.

Dr. Ormsbee pointed out that the Church World Service program will be extended primarily to war orphans, non-Aryan Christians and minority groups of the Protestant and Eastern Orthodox faiths.

Plans are now being made for resettlement of 600 refugees during the coming year at an estimated cost of \$500 each. However, she said, an obstacle in carrying out the plans is the present limited immigration quotas.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Rev. E. B. Willingham, pastor of the National Memorial Baptist church here, has been elected chairman of the Committee on Religious Liberty of the Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, succeeding the late Dr. Rufus W. Weaver. Editor's note: Dr. Willingham is the son of a former secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

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Miss Amanda Tinkle has returned to Nigeria. Miss Virginia Hagood is a recent accession to the force in Nigeria. She made the trip by air in two days from New York to Lagos.

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Duncan Baptists, Rev. H. Grady Wilkes, pastor, are looking forward to the time when they can build. The building fund now totals \$4,495.

everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death into life." What more do we want to be assured of? He gave His life for us a ransom. He bought us with his own blood, He justifies us by faith. He saves us by grace, He gives us everlasting life. He assures us that we shall never perish! Who are we? Those who believe Him and trust Him.

Watch For An Important Announcement About Baptist Record Circulation In Next Week's Issue.

DOROTHY PAGE

CHAPTER XII
Discovery

After the party broke up after their last discussion Mr. Page complimented the Baptists on their democratic principles of church government. "But, daughter," he said, "it will be impossible for you to mingle with that class of people. I am glad for you to know about the different denominations, but joining one of them is a horse of a very different color, and I am sure you could never be happy tied up with these Baptist people. They may be good folks, but they are evidently a poor and obscure folk. I guess they have sprung up mostly in country districts. I remember in the valley of Virginia where I was reared there was a little Baptist church in the country five or six miles from us. The Presbyterian church, I think, was the strongest and the Baptists cut very little figure in that section, though I confess I did not pay much attention to any of them."

A large part of the day was spent by Dorothy at the public library ransacking the encyclopedias searching for something about the Baptists. To her surprise she found a great deal. She was amazed as she read of the part that the Baptists had played in history. Knowing that the people at her home would be interested, she made copious notes during her reading.

She hurried through her lunch that day and informed her mother that she was getting some very important information about the Baptists, and that by dinner time she hoped to have it in shape to lay it before the family.

The mother thought that of course she was unearthing unfavorable information about the Baptists that would show Dorothy that she could never identify herself with them.

That evening Mr. Page, when he reached home, was greeted with the words from Dorothy: "Oh, father, I have made a discovery!"

"Is it a gold mine under the front porch?"

"It is a discovery about these Baptist people. But wait until Mr. Walton and Mr. Sterling come and I will tell you."

Soon after dinner the two visitors were gathered in the parlor and ready.

"Dorothy announces a big discovery" said Mr. Page. "Let us have it, daughter."

"I don't know that any others will be interested in it, but it greatly surprised and interested me. I have learned that these Baptists have had a remarkable history."

"Remarkable for what, daughter? For obscurity?"

"No. They have played an illustrious part in this world's history."

The father's face darkened. The thought of his daughter falling in love with the Baptists struck him in an unpleasant point of his anatomy. The little Baptist chapel with its plain-looking people and pastor put the denomination in a sorry light before the public.

"Father, I have been in the library hunting for facts about the Baptists. I have read their doctrines and they surely seem to believe exactly what the Bible teaches, and their history is a noble and inspiring one."

"What did you find out about these Baptists? Where did they come from?"

"That is the interesting part. Do you know they are next to the largest denomination in the world except the Catholics?"

"What is that, daughter? You evidently got some fairy tales in the library. Why, the Methodists are as large as all the other denominations put together, and as for the Baptists, they are but a drop in the bucket. Look at them in this town, and I guess the bunch here is a pretty good sample of them everywhere."

"Oh, father, either those books in the library are wrong or else you and lots of other folks are terribly mistaken. The Baptists and the Methodists are the two largest denominations in the world, except the Catholics."

The father wore an incredulous and bewildered look.

"There may possibly be a lot of Baptists scattered over the earth," admitted Sterling, "but you must have quality as well as quantity, and quality is what the Baptists have not."

"You are prodigiously mistaken," replied Dorothy in a vehement manner. "I could hardly believe it myself as I read it; but it is a fact that the Baptists hold a high place in history. One writer says that the Baptists are in the front ranks in the matter of education. Two writers say that the great Foreign Mission movement of the present and the past century was started by the Baptists of England. Another book says they have led in founding and perfecting Sunday schools."

"England?" said the father. "I didn't know that any Baptists had ever found their way across the seas to England."

"Why, father, England owes much of her present greatness to the Baptists. In the Puritan movement that saved England from Catholicism and kept her Protestant the Baptists are said to have played a large part."

"When did they come into existence?"

"They claim that they have always been in existence since the days of the apostles."

"Well, well, that is a clincher sure."

"Father, it does look as if the truths which the Baptists hold are the truths which Christ taught and which the first Christians practiced; and if so, then the first churches were in that sense Baptist churches."

"All of the other churches knocked out at the first blow," said the father with a laugh, "and Christianity starting off with only Baptist churches."

"This history which I read also said that all through the centuries since Christ there seem to have been bands of Christian people believing substantially what the Baptists of today believe. This was not proved with absolute certainty, but all the evidence points that way. The great Roman church came into power and ruled the religious world, but there were always bands of Christians protesting against Catholicism and standing up for those truths and practices which they believed the Bible taught. Baptist historians say that these persecuted churches held very largely what the Baptists of today believe."

"Exactly," said Sterling. "You say that the Baptist historians claim that these Christian sects who in every century protested against Catholicism and stood up for Christianity were Baptists. Of course Baptist historians claim that these Christians were Baptists. Suppose, however, you had read Presbyterian histories; who knows but that you would have read that there were in every century Presbyterian churches?"

"But how could this be? I read in two or three places that the Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians and

many of the other denominations were the fruit of the Reformation, and came after the sixteenth century."

"Daughter, you seem to have these histories at your finger ends."

"I do not know very much about them, but I have read everything in the library that would throw light upon the matters that we have been discussing, and I have made full notes from my reading."

"Your statements sound strange, Miss Dorothy," said Mr. Sterling, "for the Baptists evidently were one of those numerous sects that sprang out of and were a part of the Protestant Reformation."

"Two or three of the books that I examined said that the Baptists existed before the Reformation and helped to bring about the Reformation, and that they did much to shape the Reformation both in Holland and in England and in other places."

"Miss Dorothy," said Mr. Sterling, "the idea seems preposterous to me that the Baptists existed before the Reformation."

"Here is a statement that I read in 'Mosheim's History of Antiquity', in which he says 'the origin of the Baptists is lost in the depths of antiquity'."

"Does Mosheim say that?" asked Mr. Sterling. "Why, he was a noted writer."

"I found that three or four hundred years ago the Baptists were called Anabaptists, and that they gradually dropped the first part of their name."

"What does the word Anabaptist mean?"

"It means a rebaptizer. It seems that they insisted when a person who had been baptized in infancy was converted in later life that he should be baptized on profession of faith. They claimed that his infant baptism was not Bible baptism, and so the people called them rebaptizers or Anabaptists. And here is one statement that I read: 'It is said that two of the presidents of Harvard College were Anabaptists'."

"What is that!" exclaimed the father, almost bouncing out of his chair. "Two of Harvard's presidents Baptists? Where did you find that statement?"

"On page 338 of Gregory's 'Puritanism in the Old World and the New'."

"And you say the Baptists and the Anabaptists are the same?"

"Yes, indeed. I find that the names are used interchangeably in the histories, and gradually the shorter name took the place of the longer."

"Two presidents of Harvard? Well! Well! If that Gregory knows what he is talking about, then that is a stunner. I would never have thought it. But go ahead and give us some more."

"Here is something about the Baptist soldiers in Oliver Cromwell's army: 'The men who made up the new army of Ironsides, which won the victories of Naseby and Dunbar, the men who smiled only as they went into battle and never counted the odds against them, were not Presbyterians, — they were Independents, the Baptists forming the largest element, men who believed in self-government in the church as well as in the state'."

"Where do you find that?" asked Sterling with an interested expression.

"It is on pages 394 and 395 of Campbell's 'The Puritan in His Three Homes, Holland, England and America'. And listen to this from the same author: 'Thus it came about that the

persecuted Anabaptists of Holland, taking their doctrines from the early Christians, gave birth to the powerful denomination of Baptists, which has played so important a part in the history of England and America'."

"Miss Dorothy, you amaze me," said Sterling.

"I learn from my reading that the religious liberty which the Christian world is enjoying today is largely due to the Baptists."

"Julius Caesar!" exclaimed the father. "What do you think of that, Sterling?"

"Do you mean to say, Miss Dorothy," asked Sterling, "that you found in your reading that the great blessings of religious liberty that are enjoyed in this country, and to a certain extent in Europe, are due to the Baptist denomination?"

"I find that fact positively stated in many places. Here is something from the same book of Campbell, 'The Puritan in His Three Homes, Holland, England and America', which I mentioned just now. It is on pages 202 and 203: 'But no words of praise can be too strong for the services which the English Baptists rendered to the cause of religious liberty. They went down with Cromwell and suffered a relentless persecution after the restoration of the Stuarts, but they have never lost their influence as a leaven in the land. In purity of life and substantial Christian work they have been surpassed by the members of no other religious body. Having been the first British denomination of Christians to proclaim the principle of religious liberty, they were also the first to send out missionaries to the heathen.'"

"Just listen to that!" exclaimed Mr. Page.

Dorothy continued: "In fact, if the Anabaptists had done nothing more for the world than to beget such offspring they would have repaid a thousand-fold the care shown for their liberties by the Prince of Orange in his contest with some of the narrow-minded Calvinists among his associates."

"Hold on there, you take my breath away," said the father.

"Please note what that says," remarked Mr. Walton. "Those words call attention to the purity and high Christian character of the Baptists, and to the fact that they were the first in these centuries to send out missionaries to the heathen. It is a fact that the great Foreign Mission movement now encircling the world was first started by the Baptists a little over a hundred years ago under the lead of William Carey, a Baptist. Notice it gives to the Baptists the honor of being the author of religious liberty for the world."

(Continued next week)

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Carthage Ordains Deacons

In a simple and impressive atmosphere of quiet reverence, Carthage Baptist Church ordained two new deacons at special mid-week services, February 19. Ordained were Paul Lee and Sam C. Ellis. Dr. William Potter questioned the candidates and B. T. Oliphant was clerk of the presbytery.

Dr. W. E. Greene, president of Clarke College, delivered the ordination charge and sermon. Constituting the presbytery were: Rev. W. P. Spiers, Dr. W. E. Greene, Dr. William Potter, ordained ministers; M. M. Keith, A. D. Richardson, J. C. Taylor, B. T. Oliphant, M. D. Reagan, F. D. Simpson, ordained deacons.



BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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MANY MAKE DECISIONS AT MC FOCUS WEEK

I suppose there were several hundred students who made some sort of decision at the closing chapel service of the Mississippi College Focus Week, ending Friday, Feb. 21st. This service was one of the greatest I have ever attended. In fact, the whole week was indeed a great experience. All of us are deeply grateful to God for sending to us Dr. Frank Leavell, Dr. A. E. Tibbs, Miss Frances Barbour, Mr. W. F. Howard, Mr. Reiji Hoshizaki, Dr. Bill Marshall, Dr. Courts Redford, Rev. Joe Boyd, Dr. J. M. Dawson, and Dr. M. Ray McKay. All bore very effective witness for Christ. And again we are grateful for the fine preparation and the carrying out of the program by BSU Secretary Orba Lee Malone, Student Co-Chairmen Mary Elizabeth Gilbert and Sam Cochran, and all of the student committees who worked with them. It was indeed a job well done.

Here's some quick quotes from the week: "Individual Christians are defeated by their secondary successes. . . . A religion that costs nothing is worth exactly what it costs. . . . Some give Jesus a place, some give Him prominence, and some give Him preeminence."—Dr. Leavell. "You can't say anything now that's unreasonable (speaking of the swift advances of science) . . . Religionists of our day are 1,000 years behind the scientists as far as being geared to the times. . . . We haven't learned to think God's thoughts after Him in the higher realms of life. . . . The answer for our world is new men (born again men) in a new age. . . . In a world like this, men must be Christians. . . . Jesus Christ is the redeeming force in the area of motives. . . . The most up-to-date person is the best soul-winner."—Dr. McKay. "Where there is a need and the ability to meet it, there is God's call. . . . If we would make our missionary message effective abroad, we must be Christians at home. . . . The world needs, more than anything else, Christian service."—Dr. Redford. "College life at its best is living in the very center of God's will. That sometimes costs much, it may appear to be impossible or unreasonable, but it will bring, inevitably, some astonishing results"—Mr. Howard.

THIRTEEN VOLUNTEER

There are now thirteen volunteers for Youth Revival Work this summer. How about you? If you want to do this type of work, write me about it. Be sure to send me your summer address and three references, one of whom must be your pastor. At this writing, six MSCW girls, five Miss. College boys, one MC girl and one Clarke boy have volunteered. Let's have others.

Some of you have heard and read about the recent Honolulu Youth Revival. There were 256 decisions: 100 conversions, 144 rededications, 12 commitments to Christian vocational work. Let us continue to pray that the Lord will send more labourers into the harvest field of Mississippi in the per-

son of more Youth Revivalists this summer.

POTPOURRI

I failed to mention last week that I had the great privilege, recently, of supplying Brother Geo. Nichols pulpit at Ellisville for Sunday morning. The crowd was large and attentive, and I enjoyed bringing a witness for Christ there. . . . Ralph Marshall is the new BSU president at Clarke. . . . Airman (after landing in a tree): "I was trying to make a new record." Farmer: "You did. You're the first to climb down that tree before climbing up it." . . . Orba Lee Malone recently reported that Miss. College tithers, numbered 231, and that MC students, from Sept. through Jan. gave \$2300 to the Clinton Baptist Church. Over \$822 was given in Jan. alone. . . . You were thankful as I was, I am sure, when you read recently in the Record of the fine BSU work the Blue Mt. girls had been doing at Rust College. . . . The self-made man was speaking, and said: "My father was a raiser of hogs. There was a large family of us." . . . For its Focus Week, Howard College, Birmingham, had Dr. Joe Burton; former Mississippian J. L. Sullivan; Ala. BSU Sec'y Cynthia Jo Hall, who graduated from Blue Mt.; Dr. John D. Freeman; Dr. J. L. Evans; Miss Jenny Lind Gatlin; Reiji-Hoshizaki; Dr. R. G. Lee; Miss Marjorie Moore; Mr. William Hall Preston; Dr. Geo. W. Sadler; Tenn. BSU Sec'y Rogers Smith; Univ. of Tenn., BSU Sec'y Bob Entekin, and Dr. Geo. Smith, of Vanderbilt. . . .

Ben Seitz, BSU Sec'y at State College, reports a very helpful study course for layman students taught by Dr. I. E. Rouse, Miss. Woman's College President. There were 70 or 75 who came every night. Results were: More at Sunday School the next Sunday morning; More at the daily prayer meeting; the BSU is now getting out a paper, and extension work is underway. Ben asks that all who want the BSU paper, write. His address: Box 592 Starkville. This study course for laymen, by the way, is an excellent idea. Almost every student in all our colleges, save in our Baptist colleges (and many of them too), are going to be farmers, lawyers, doctors, merchants, housewives, and the like. What specific instruction in being a good church member are we giving them? The men, especially, need to know the duties and responsibilities of being deacons, or Sunday School teachers, or Training Union leaders and the like. Why not start training them while they are in college, as Ben is doing? . . . Mrs. Edgar Glover, Pearl River Junior College BSU Sec'y, has a new BSU paper started down there. The first and only issue, thus far, is a good one. . . . C. S. Moulder, BSU Sec'y for Miss. Southern, reports invitations for eight weekend Youth Revivals in the near future. . . . "Noonday" talks at Blue Mt. recently have been on the lives of the following soul-winners: Borden of Yale, David Livingstone, William Grenfell, Dwight L. Moody, Charles H. Spurgeon, Mr. Joe Burton, Geo. W. Truett.



REV. W. L. MARSH

W. L. Marsh Goes To Sunflower Church

Rev. W. L. Marsh, who was formerly pastor of East End Church, Columbus, has accepted the pastorate of Sunflower Church in Sunflower County, and is already on the field. During the few weeks that Pastor Marsh has been at Sunflower there have been 11 additions. The Sunday School attendance has increased and the people are making plans for a new church building.

Pastor Marsh also serves Blaine in connection with the work at Sunflower, preaching there twice a month at ten o'clock in the morning. The Blaine Baptists are also making plans for a church building.

Rev. Mr. Marsh is a native of Alabama and a graduate of Bradford High School and Howard College and has also had theological training at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He has been in Mississippi for 17 years and for ten years was pastor of East End Church, Columbus. During his pastorate at East End the church debt was paid and about \$15,000 improvements done on the church building. The mission gifts of the church were also largely increased.

First Annual Meeting Of The Mississippi Baptist R.E.A. Held In Jackson

By Cecil Lea, Columbus, Miss.

The first annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association was held February 6-7 at Calvary Church in Jackson. There were nearly forty that attended one or more of the sessions.

The various phases of our total Religious Education program were discussed and many helpful suggestions were made by the workers who were actually "doing something about it" in their churches. There was a wonderful spirit of Christian fellowship and the mutual understanding of problems and the sharing of ideas only helped to strengthen it. There were moments of joys and laughter, but a note of seriousness, sincerity, and a desire to return to the respective fields for a larger service was definitely felt throughout the meeting.

Officers Elected
The Association elected the follow-

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-- And --
STEWARDSHIP
Bob H. Benton, Director

On Thursday, February 13, Brother Benton preached in three services at the LeTourneau Mission, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Here, he met a magician who has recently found Christ and is now using his talent to witness for Christ. Brother Benton plans to have him give his testimony in one of his meetings soon.

Brother Benton held a revival meeting in Mt. Zion Church, Simpson County, with Rev. B. E. Padgett last week, February 16-21. There were eight additions to the church, coming by letter, and one who came dedicating his life for Special Christian Service. During this week, Brother Benton visited in 40 homes and enlisted 52 tithers.

He began a revival meeting in Goss, Mississippi, on Sunday, February 23, with Dr. Mark Lowry, pastor. All that can be urged to attend the services and especially the prayers of Christians are needed so that the Lord may bless the efforts in winning the lost to Christ. At all times, pray for the Evangelistic Program so that a greater work may be established in our rural communities.

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Use your Baptist Hour in April, May and June in winning the lost in your community. Ask them to listen to the broadcasts. Follow through with personal visits with them about Christ. They need the blessings which you enjoy in Christ.

ing officers for 1947. Pres. Mr. S. C. Ray, Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; vice-president; Mr. W. C. Morgan, First Baptist Church, Vicksburg; secretary-treasurer, Miss Sybil Dewese, First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs. These officers become the executive committee and will plan any special meeting during the year that it deems necessary. The time, place and program for the next annual meeting will be arranged by this committee.

Church Workers Eligible for Membership

A membership fee of \$2.00 was voted by the Association of which amount \$1.00 will supply a copy of the talks and proceedings of the meeting. Membership in the Association is open to any full-time religious worker in a Southern Baptist Church in Mississippi. You may receive an application blank by writing Mr. S. C. Ray, Mainstreet Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. The payment of the fee will still entitle you to a copy of the proceedings.

Rev. Cecil Lea, First Baptist Church, Columbus, was elected as publicist whose duties are to keep the work of the Association before the churches of the state. The suggestion is here given that all Educational Directors, Church Secretaries, etc., send your church bulletins, printed programs, and promotional ideas to him. From these will be gleaned helpful suggestions that will be shared with others through the pages of the Baptist Record.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

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BUSSES BOUND EAST FOR RIDGECREST

There just isn't any telling how many busses will run from Mississippi this summer carrying happy groups to Ridgcrest for Training Union weeks. Three weeks again this year, and even then we have to turn folks away. Have you made your reservation? You may be too late, but go ahead and try, write now! When you write you should give the names of the ones you are asking reservation for and enclose \$1.00 for each person. This is a new rule. Send to Mr. Robert Guy, Ridgcrest N.C. We will have our Mississippi contestants on program the second week, July 17-23. Except for personnel all three weeks are alike. You can't go wrong on any week you pick, but you can go wrong if you wait any longer to ask for reservations. There will be no special bus under the Training Union Department management, if you want to go via bus you will have to connect with a bus that is running as an associational or church project. We will be glad to help you connect with one of these if you desire it. They would be little if any saving in fare, but congenial company enroute.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

March 9-15

1st Reference for Juniors.

Su. Luke 14:1, 7-14
2 Tim. 3:10-16
M. Matt. 19:13-15
Luke, 24:25-32
Tu. 1 Pet. 3:8-12
John 5:39-47
W. Rom. 12:10-21
Rom. 1:1-7; 5:1-11
Th. Luke 7:1-10
Luke 24: 44-53
F. Gal. 6:1-10
1 Cor 2:9-16
S. S.S. Lesson

WORK IN CALHOUN PAYS OFF

Last October we conducted a Leadership School in Calhoun City for the leaders in all the churches in Calhoun Co., and followed that week with four central Training Schools. One of these was held with the Vardaman Church with Mrs. Greenoe of our department helping.

We have a letter from Brother Carmon Savell, pastor of the Vardaman church and we would like to quote a few sentences—"Calhoun Associational Training Union is doing more than holding its own during this winter season. There has been added unions in three churches that have had no unions. These have been added since our Training Union Revival last fall. Usually the Training Union work in Calhoun suffers greatly during the winter but this year it has grown.

At Vardaman there has been continued growth. We give our revival in Training Union a great portion of the credit. We organized a Young People's Union January 1st and now have 20 enrolled. We had failed to have a Young People's choir until we got this union organized, now we have a fine choir in growth. The last two Sundays we had our largest evening preaching attendance and the best singing."

Brother Savell also adds this line—"If the other associations will get a missionary like our R. B. Patterson

you will see the training unions grow there too."

Thanks, Brother Savell, for these encouraging words. Sure glad to see the work progressing like that.

TWELVE MORE WEEKS AND WHAT? DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Have you organized for the SIX contests. First enlist every member of the Training Union you can. Every age group is included. Beginner and Primary Story Hour children, Juniors, Intermediates, Young People, Adults, and the Ensembles. If you need material explaining any of these just drop us a card at Box 530 Jackson 105, Miss. This is the first year we have included the adults and we feel we have a great treat in store as they tell their human interest missionary stories. Pick your best in each of these contests, send them to the Associational elimination contest (check immediately with your associational director and see when this meeting will be held. If he has not planned it, encourage him to have in no later than May). From the association will come one Beginner, one Primary, all "perfect" Juniors, 1st and 2nd place Intermediates, one Young Person, one Adult, one or more ensembles. (We have three ensemble groups this year: Small, Large, Mixed).

The main purpose of these contests is to develop "ALL" the members of the unions if a union simply picks one or two and trains them they have lost the entire purpose of the plan. The contests are but to encourage this work among all the unions for all the members.

Last year about half of the churches that have a union had a study course, the number 442. That is an increase over 1945 of 76, and we went far beyond our set goal for the year in number of awards—Here is our record, Awards for Adults, 4,960; Young People, 3,301; Intermediates, 4,090; Juniors, 4,055; Administration, 2,213. It is interesting to see how near together the departments are. All will be in the 4,000 this year except the adults are expected to pass the 5,000 mark, and still half of the churches that have a union had not one study course the whole year of 1946. Don't let it be so of your church this year.

Would you like to see the figures on number of study course books sold by departments in the south last year? The total is 333,965! Adults, 93,380; Young People 60,134; Intermediate, 75,510; Junior, 73,283; Administration, 23,652. And here is the list of Manual sales: Adult, 26,897; Young People 17,204; Intermediate, 26,422; Junior, 25,987. SOME BOOKS somebody said! But think of the nearly 6,000,000 Southern Baptists who were not given the privilege of studying even ONE study course book. Let's make an inroad into that number.

Mississippi Training Union accepts goal of 33,000 tithers for the year. That is about one third of the total goal. So let's start the campaign NOW see which union will enlist 100% of its members. I tithe because God said I should, why do you?

N. W. Miss. Pastors To Meet At Sardis, March 11

The Northwest Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet on March 11 at Sardis according to an announcement by the Sardis pastor, Rev. V. R. Crider, who is secretary of the Conference. The program follows:

9:45—Worship, Rev. Milton C. Whitten
10:10—Two - Minute Reports by Pastors
10:40—The Pastor and the Brotherhood, Rev. James H. Street
11:25—The Millennial Question, Dr. L. Bracey Campbell
12:05—General Discussion
12:20—Fellowship Luncheon
1:15—Song and Prayer
1:20—Study of Psalm 90, Rev. M. R. Megginson
1:50—Study of Psalm 103, Rev. H. J. Logan
2:20—Study of Psalm 116, Rev. Charles H. Skutt
2:50—General Discussion
3:15—Prayer and Adjournment
Rev. A. T. Cinnamon, President
Rev. V. R. Crider, Secretary
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DRINKING IS STRESSED BY STAGE AND SCREEN SAYS W. C. T. U. PRESIDENT

EVANSTON, Ill.—Both the American stage and motion pictures have become major and nationwide schools of alcoholism, especially for juveniles and "adolescent adults" by increasingly depicting drinking as "smart," Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, said here today.

"The liquor industry is seizing upon the stage and screen, and their stars, as propaganda mediums, Mrs. Colvin said, "to the extent that one disgusted critic was prompted to remark that only four out of 29 plays opening on Broadway this fall fail to include drinking scenes of some sort.

"Most of these portray drinking as a 'sophisticated' thing to do. As in the majority of currently 'wet' movies, references are omitted regarding the uneconomic and social effects of drinking, such as broken homes, insanity, highway toll in lives, and loss of jobs and incomes.

Fundamentalists Organize Legion Posts In Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., —(RNS)—Protestant fundamentalists are organizing their own American Legion posts in Minnesota.

First and largest of the four posts which have been started in this state is the Joe Smith post of Minneapolis, which has 300 members.

A unique aspect of the post is that it meets in any of 40 Minneapolis churches which its members represent. There is no smoking, drinking or card-playing at any of the post meetings. Devotions by the host pastor open each session.

The post was organized on Armistice day, 1943, in First Baptist church here by 15 World War I veterans, many of whom had sons in World War II, who wanted a "strictly Christian" war veterans' organization to which they and their sons could belong.

They felt they would not be happy in regular-type Legion posts because "as Christians" they could not engage in some of the activities of those posts, according to Roy Lotsberg, post commander.

By forming their own post, the Legion would obtain members it would not otherwise have and post mem-

"NO ROOM IN THE INN"

By Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent

On my desk is a letter from a woman in Missouri asking for admittance of her sister into the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. The sister has been ill for some years and is what is termed a chronically ill person. The writer says she was referred to me by Dr. John Lake, who served so many years as one of our missionaries in China. This chronically ill woman was a missionary in a foreign country for many years, too, but not under the Southern Baptist Board. Her health broke under the strain of her work and she was returned to this country. But there is no hospital for the chronically ill. She is a Southern Baptist, too; and I had to advise her sister we could not admit her.

However, Southern Baptist Hospital is now trying to raise funds with which to build a place for just such neglected sufferers. People in New Orleans—mostly non-Baptists—have contributed nearly \$300,000 to the fund; and it has occurred to me that Baptists throughout the South might desire to have part in this fine work for the most neglected of all human sufferers. This is not to be construed as a request. It is only a suggestion.

Southern Baptist Hospital
New Orleans 15, Louisiana

Latourette Delivers Holland Lectures At Southwestern

By Ralph D. Churchill

The annual Mid-Winter Conference of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary was observed on February 3-7. The Holland Foundation Lectures, around which this special week is built, was delivered by Dr. Kenneth S. Latourette of Yale University. The first lecture presented a historical background of Christianity from the apostolic era to the present; the second appraised the outlook for the Roman Catholic Church; the third discussed the future of Protestantism; the last lecture summarized the speaker's conception of the Eternal Gospel. The lectures were quite stimulating and large crowds attended each service.

Dr. Rupert N. Richardson of Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, brought the Founder's Day address on February 5, and dealt with the history of the hardy Baptist pioneers in the South. The program was rounded out with two vigorous messages on evangelistic missions through the churches. Dr. C. C. Warren, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, was the preacher.

bers could derive Legion benefits, Lotsberg pointed out.

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The pastor of Wealthy Street Baptist Temple, Grand Rapids, Michigan, has made another important contribution to the followers of "The Prince of Preachers" in "C. H. Spurgeon's Autobiography," by David Otis Fuller, (Zondervan, \$2). Dr. Fuller, conse-

Freedom Is Non-Partisan

A minister in New Jersey wrote "Your crusade may be twelve years old, but I suppose it will wind up now that the Republicans are in power." The election didn't restore and safeguard Freedom for America. It terminated some trends which were destroying it and gave the other Party an opportunity to prove whether it will really champion Freedom—even when it is unpopular, costly of votes and restrictive of patronage.

But habits created under governmental paternalism are still part of our people. The fight for Capital "F" Freedom continues—and the most important battles are in the future, not the past.

The rank and file citizenry in other nations have been betrayed by those who have promised them security, taken their freedom in payment and delivered NOTHING except enslavement.

We common people in America do not propose to be betrayed. We shall not yield our constitutional government, our states rights, our due processes of law, our concept of private property and our belief in the sovereignty of the citizen, rather than the state. Collective security has no meaning if in application it fails to insure individual security.

No bigwigs in Washington, Wall Street, Moscow, or anywhere else shall take away the God-given rights which we common people have as children of God—not without the sort of fine, unyielding opposition by the clergy that took Niemöller through eight years imprisonment as Hitler's personal prisoner.

The clergy of America must get their arduous up. Freedom is still in peril, all over the world. This has been a Freedom-abandoning age. It is the responsibility of ministers of churches to speak courageously and turn this tide. They can and are doing so by exerting their community-wide influences of helpfulness—on behalf of Freedom, spiritual Freedom, non-partisan Freedom.

Of course this Crusade continues! Ten thousand ministers banded together for Freedom—pledged to champion it in their areas of influence and in their own ways. What a force! Want to join us?

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REV. S. W. VALENTINE

Rev. S. W. Valentine Accepts Southside Church In Jackson

Rev. S. Waddell Valentine, who has recently accepted the pastorate of the Southside Baptist Church, Jackson, is a graduate of Clarke Memorial College (Newton) and at present a student in Mississippi College. Before entering the ministry, the new pastor was for many years an active layman in the West Laurel Baptist Church. He served as deacon, choir director, superintendent of the intermediate Sunday School Department. He was very active in Training Union and Brotherhood work. Mr. Valentine has led evangelistic singing in many places in Mississippi, having had special training in New Orleans Baptist Seminary and in the Christiansen Choral School in Chicago. While a student at Clarke Memorial College, he directed the College Sacred Chorus.

Prior to his coming to Southside, Mr. Valentine was pastor of Hebron and Centerville churches in Jones County. In both pastorates his leadership met with outstanding success. A modern stucco church building was erected at Hebron during his pastorate there, and at Centerville many building improvements were made.

Mrs. Valentine adds to the effectiveness of her husband's ministry, having also been a constant worker in all church organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. Valentine have two children, one daughter, Betty, and a baby son, S. W., Jr.

Pastor and people are happy in the prospect of a fruitful ministry together at Southside.

crated and capable Gospel preacher, is no less competent in the field of literature. This new offering is the seventh in the line of editing and condensation from the original works of Spurgeon and those who are inspired by the life and preaching of the London expositor will find new thrill, new inspiration, new helpful hints to preachers in this 148 page book which has been condensed from the original 4 volume, 1500 pages of Spurgeon's life. To miss reading this one would be individual loss. The keynote of the book, "we cannot play at preaching; we preach for eternity," marks the tempo and strikes at the heart strings of any preacher who will spend an evening with Spurgeon through the eye and pen of David Otis Fuller.

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MRS. M. C. WALDRUP

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WHEREAS—We are called upon to bear the loss of another one of our number in the passing of our dear sister, Mrs. Bama Waldrup, the wife of our pastor, on December 17, 1946; and,

WHEREAS—Our Woman's Missionary Union deeply feels the loss of this dear one who was so faithful in her duties as a co-worker in this organization; and,

WHEREAS—We hold genuine sympathy in our hearts for Bro. Waldrup and little Barbara in the loss of the wife and mother from the home:

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Second—We, therefore, offer comfort in the words of the great Apostle: "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake" Phil: 1:29. Tenderly, the poet has offered comfort in these lines:

Let nothing disturb thee,
Let nothing fright thee;
All things are passing—
God never changeth

Finally—We would point them to that unseen Friend who is always near. He lives with you; feels with you, rejoices with you; grieves with you, and suffers with you. May God be glorified

The Sylvarena Baptist Church, Weston, recently had a fine B. T. U. study course in which Pastor M. P. Jones, J. P. Brewer, Mrs. Troy Smith and Mrs. Purvis Rainey were teachers. Maxie Greer is the director. The course was very inspiring to all. The pastor's home has been completed and the work is now full time. Pastor and Mrs. Jones are happy to be in the community and the people are glad to welcome them.

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And sing, if you can, as you go;

Your song may cheer someone beside you

Where courage is sinking low;

Oh well, if your lips do quiver—

The Father will love you the better so.—"

By order of the Woman's Missionary Society this is adopted, and ordered filed with the records. Also that a copy be furnished our pastor, and one copy be mailed to the Baptist Record for publication.

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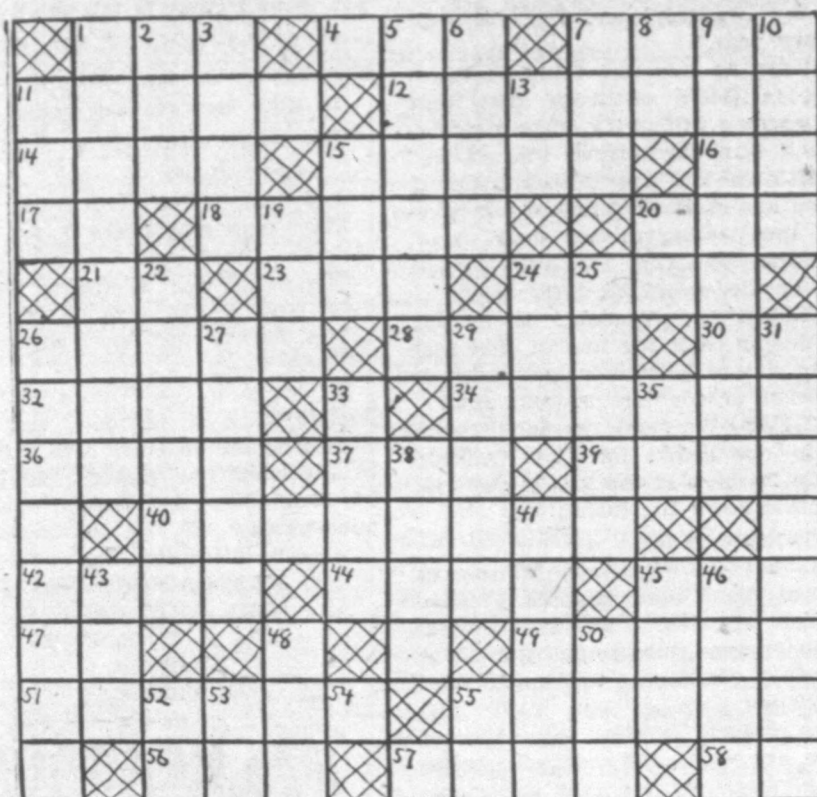
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- 1 "... was manifest in the last times for you"
 4 "that raised him up from ... dead"
 7 "And this is the ... which by the gospel is preached unto you"
 11 "... an apostle of Jesus Christ"
 12 Changer
 14 Songs
 15 Personal possession
 16 Mother
 17 Professional title
 18 "that he by the grace of God should ... death for every man"
 20 "a time to rend, and a time to ..."
 21 "not ... corruptible seed"
 23 "by ... resurrection of Jesus Christ from ... dead"
 24 "If so be ye have tasted that the ... is gracious"
 26 "to ... those that are appointed to death"
 28 "Thou art ... O Lord"
 30 Installment paid
 32 Leave out
 34 Paul said, "I ... unto Caesar"
 36 Capital of Norway
 37 New Testament book
 39 Confederate
 40 "but he that ... to the end shall be saved"
 42 "I flee unto thee to ... me"
 44 "being wholly at ... and quiet"
 45 Man (Phil. I.)
 47 "whether we live therefore, ... die, we are the Lord's"
 49 Lost to view
 51 "make ye a ... with us"
 55 One that rules
 56 "Casting all your care upon him; ... he careth for you"
 57 "and say, I live for ..."
 58 "Then said I, ... Lord God"
 Our Text from the Epistles of Peter is 1, 4, 7, 21, 23, 24, 40, 56, and 57 combined.

DOWN

- 1 Sleeping apartments
 2 American Indian
 3 Trial
 5 "the Lord will ... it in his time"
 6 "and there is none ..."
 7 "... with the dew of heaven"
 8 "things present, ... things to come"
 9 Affording remedy
 10 "... near unto the gates of death"
 11 Seed vessel
 13 Tellurium
 15 "he planeth an ..."
 19 Consumed
 20 Older
 22 Defeated
 24 "The lot is cast into the ..."
 25 Sister-in-law to Ruth
 26 Small opening
 27 "they found the ... rolled away"
 29 Roof edges
 31 The Pilgrim Fathers landed here
 33 "for these words are ..."
 35 God in Hebrew names
 38 Son of Ephraim; anagram of 28 across
 41 Indian tent
 43 Anger
 45 Three (Sw.)
 46 A priest Neh. 12:15

- 48 "Aaron and ... stayed up his hands"
 50 "Do not ... my beloved brethren"
 52 Continent
 53 "My presence shall ... with thee"
 55 Gravimetric volume
 —BR—

Chinese Officer Recommends Recreation Program Of First Baptist Church, Biloxi

By Miss Elizabeth Pickering
Church hostess

The Chinese officer who is in Command of the Chinese on Keesler Field, Biloxi, is a Major. He recently had all Chinese officers and students on the field gathered for roll call and for the awarding of prizes to those who had made the highest marks in the school of Airplane Mechanics.

The winner of the highest prize is a fine Christian character. He said the Major, after awarding the prizes, told them of the Recreation Hall in the First Baptist Church, Biloxi and urged them to attend the activities there as often as possible. He said, "There is a church hostess, Miss Pickering, who will be glad to help you. You boys better not go to saloons and other such places. You go to the church and Miss Pickering can help

—BR—

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Thirty-one students attained the Honor Roll of Blue Mountain College for the first semester. Patricia Ann Hicks, Macon, holds first place, and Doris Louise Dempsey, Waltham, Mass., the second.

Others on the Honor Roll are as follows: Glenda Moore, Pensacola, Fla.; Hazel Lee Rodgers, Yazoo City; Mildred Elizabeth Rea, Sherman; Mary Bess McFatrige Clayton, Ripley; Mary Julia Sudduth, Sallis; Margaret Jean Yates, Houston, Texas; William Allene Sugg, Bellefontaine; Floris Gore, Marks; Marian E. Mann, Brownsville, Tenn.; Rebecca Yvonne Bartlett, Nashville, Tenn.; Ouida Mae Ferguson, Tutwiler; Mary Anne Galloway, Nashville, Tenn.; Mary Dean Hollis, Chalybeate; Mary Sue McGinty, River View, Ala.; Julia Mae Martin, Meridian; Betty Jane Rodgers, Yazoo City; Dorothy Dick Smith, Carthage; Joyce Beatrice Tyler, Picayune; Montie Gray Barringer, Marks; Bonnie Catherine Christian, Bessemer, Ala.; Patsy Edwina Clark, Paden; Marie Cornelia Claypool, Nashville, Tenn.; Mary Willene Coker, New Albany; Mary Fay Hamill, Sturgis; Mary Josephine Haynes, Memphis, Tenn.; Evelyn Ruth Harvey,

your English. If you are too many she can open a class of English for you. Students and officers have gone to the church before and they have had a very good time there. This is an excellent opportunity for you to learn English. We came to America and should take advantage of that opportunity to learn. Better not waste your time. If you want to go over to the church she will be willing to help you."

The Major in command attends services in First Baptist Church regularly and says he is reading the Bible.

The First Baptist Church presents a copy of the New Testament in Chinese to every Chinese who comes to the church.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

By Rev. R. A. Eddleman
Clinton, Mississippi

Pastor Owen Williams of Forest has been chosen as Enlistment Missionary for district six to succeed Rev. W. W. Kyzar.

Superintendent A. K. Goodbold telephones that the Clinton Church on last Sunday made its special offering to the church building fund, contributing \$260, which they will make \$300. They do not propose to ask other Sunday Schools to do what they won't do themselves.

The address of Enlistment Missionary T. W. Green is 141 Wacaster Place, Jackson.

Rev. R. D. Stringer has moved from Georgetown to Bogue Chito, accepting the latter church in connection with Norfield.

Columbia First Church to date reports 217 tithers, the largest number to date reported from any church in the state.

The business of the Bible is to keep men out of hell. The purpose of some Jim Crack teachers is to get hell out of the Bible.

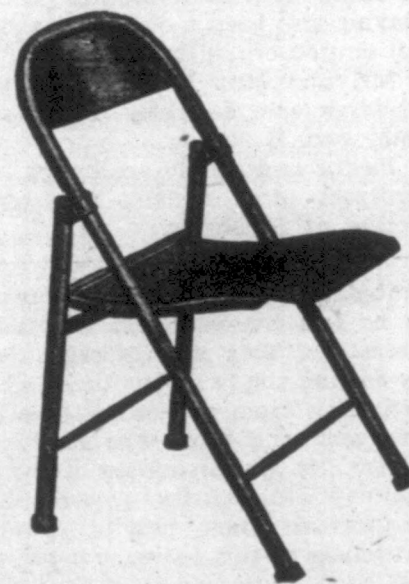
Rev. J. A. Hailey is still holding forth at Mize. The work there is moving along well, although some of the best workers in the church have moved away.

Stop and Think

Some things we should come plainly out against as pastors, that we might protect the coming generation of girls.—Namely:

Joy riding, dancing, wearing men's pants, riding astride, going in swimming, receiving company to young. All of which leads Hellward.—B. F. McPhail, Mathiston, Miss.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell
Lesson for March Ninth

JESUS WASHES THE DISCIPLES' FEET. John 13:3-15; 34,35. Now read it all.

I. Master Ministering. If you have read the passage to refresh your memory of the incident, you recall that, as He went on ahead of the disciples, as was the custom of the teacher of that day to walk when leading his school from point to point, His students had become involved in a rather heated discussion as to which of them was greatest. They reached the room where they were to eat the Passover, and this brought a situation where the lowest among them must appear. This was because of the custom of feet-washing, a custom in practice all over that land. Men walked shod with sandals, and such walking was hard on the feet. When a given journey was ended, the claims of hospitality demanded that the

host provide a servant to wash the feet of so many travelers as there were. On this occasion there was no host, and, therefore, no slave to wash the tired feet of the disciples, and, since the foot-washer held the lowest place among the slaves of the household, anyone who washed another's feet classified himself thereby as the lowest among the company. No one of the disciples was willing to do this on this occasion, so the Lord, seeing that they all were unwilling, laid aside His outer garment, girded himself with the towel and taking the foot-tub left there for the purpose, began to perform this lowest task.

II. Disciple Protesting. You can guess which one did without being told. His astonishment was both genuine and great that his Lord and Teacher should condescend to this menial task. "Lord, dost Thou wash my feet?" Yes, Peter, your Lord would wash your feet. "Thou shalt certainly not wash my feet forever". Your feet the Lord must wash, else you have no part with Him. "Lord" (wash) "not my feet only, but also my hands and my head".

Who was Peter to say what the Lord might not do? If the position of the Lord was so exalted that He could not stoop to this, menial task, it was also so exalted that He could not stoop to wash the filthy souls of men. The Lord of life is that because He humbled Himself to the task of suffering for the world of sinning men, the good for the bad, the just for the unjust. If He could do this, if He could humble Himself and become obedient unto death, the death of the shameful cross, He could condescend to any service that benefited the men for whom he died.

Peter was still a big child, "Dost Thou?", "Thou shalt not", "Lord, my hands and my head". Ready, this impetuous man, to argue with the Lord, and ready to go all the way in the other direction when he had been rebuked into seeing that his position had been wrong. And that is the good thing about him: Convince Peter he is wrong, and he turns in his course. And that not only, he could be convinced. Submit Peter the facts and he would face them. Let the Lord remind Peter who is Lord, and Peter becomes penitent and willing to do the will of the Lord.

III. Master Explaining. He was washing feet to teach the truth. He had bathed their souls in the cleansing flood of His own crimson sacrifice. But no single act of regenerative washing can do away with the need of daily cleansing. Daily we need to go to him that the blood may keep on cleansing us from all sin, the sins of defilement that, day by day, take us in our weakness.

Again He was teaching them that in the body of them there was one dirty foot, poor Judas! The dirty foot, which became more deeply stained with each effort of the Lord to cleanse him. "Ye are clean, but not all".

IV. Traitor Watching. Watching for an opportunity to deliver his Lord into the hands of His enemies. The sin of Judas marks him as, not only a man of dirty feet, but one entirely unclean. Jesus lets Judas know that all his treachery is known, but so completely had Judas yielded to the devil, that the very acts by which the Lord showed His love to the traitor, drove him finally and forever into the service of Satan. The Lord served the traitor, and such service but confirmed him in his



REV. WILLIAM G. WATSON

Watson Accepts Tupelo Post; Comes From Sebree, Kentucky

Calvary Baptist Church, Dr. F. M. Powell, pastor, has called Rev. William G. Watson from the pastorate of the Sebree, Ky., Baptist Church to be full time Director of Religious Education and he has accepted effective March 1st.

"Brother Bill", as he is known by all the Calvary folk, served as Assistant to Dr. Powell during the summer of 1944, and for a short time in the summer of 1945. He is a native of Ellisville, where he was ordained to the ministry in 1940. In 1941 he graduated from Jones Junior College in his home town, in 1943 from Mississippi College, Clinton, and in 1946 from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

His wife is the former Ann Ballard of Tupelo. She attended Blue Mountain College, and the W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky. They and their small son, William Glenn, will be at home in Tupelo at 354 1-2 N. Broadway.

—BR—

Jean Stinson, Old Hickory, Tenn., was elected president of the Junior class at Blue Mountain College in an election held recently. Miss Stinson was also named to be an attendant from the junior class in the annual May Day program to be given in the spring.

wickedness. "What thou doest, do quickly", said the Lord. Judas, "Went out and it was night".

V. Master Instructing. 1. By Example. He did to them as they ought to do to one another. Just as in so many other circumstances, He had shown them by His own actions what a follower of God ought to do because of what He is, so here He showed them how a follower of the Lord should show the world that he was a follower of the Lord.

2. By Precept. "Know ye what I have done to you?" "Ye call me teacher and Lord; and ye say well, for so I am". I have taught you what is good by works that are good. Hear me say now that I have given you an example that you may see with your eyes. What I have done to you in washing your feet is an expression of my love for you; for no man who loves with a love that is deep as life will ever account any service done for the benefit of the object of his love as degrading to him. The man who loves his wife as well as he vowed at the marriage altar that he loved her will hesitate to do anything for her that may secure her happiness. No less will a man who professes to love God do anything for God.

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By William F. Tanner

A German printer who lived nearly five centuries ago, and an American scientist who has been dead less than two decades, gave to the world two inventions which, taken together, have destroyed or greatly altered many of the social landmarks by which the churches have oriented themselves since the days of St. Paul.

Evangelical preaching, good enough for the Master, good enough for His disciples, good enough for the earliest missionaries, good enough even into the present century, has been challenged during the past few decades in a way which only now is becoming apparent.

The loss of effectiveness can be traced to many things, one of the most important being the totally new psychological environment of the past quarter century.

Nearly five hundred years ago Johannes Gutenberg, working in his shop in Mainz, Germany, first used the device now referred to as "movable type." Prior to that time printing could be achieved only by laboriously, tediously carving—by hand—a single, complete plate for each page to be printed.

Gutenberg undertook to carve individual blocks, each bearing only one letter, and to use these blocks in the combination necessary to spell out the desired text.

With one stroke the foundation was laid for all modern printing activity, and the countless billions of pages which come off of the presses of the world each year.

The full import of this invention has not been realized until recent years, however, when elementary education has become mandatory, and the mass of a large population—for the first time in history—has been able to turn to the printed, rather than the spoken, word, for instruction, entertainment, guidance, and, possibly, salvation.

With this realization has come the development of the twin sciences (or arts) of public relations and propaganda, utilizing this newly-powerful

mechanism, the printed word, for almost every end conceivable.

And the churches have failed to keep step.

Thomas Edison is generally credited with the basic work on the modern motion picture camera and projector, which together have permitted man to experience emotional stimuli more realistic and more profound than any he had ever known before.

Preaching—as far as the unsaved were concerned—began to drop in significance compared with this new true-to-life, talking, singing, technicolored medium of education and entertainment.

Modern man, for the first time in history, knows TWO media of communication, either of which alone can be more powerful than the spoken word. And modern man has turned, in a very un-modern way, to worship these most powerful things that he knows. His cultural centers have become the studios of Hollywood and the printing presses of New York and Chicago.

This, then is the psychological environment which has baffled the evangelists and frustrated the earnest laymen of the past decade.

The far-seeing men of God have not, however, struck their flag; but rather like Paul, who was willing to be all things to all men that by all means he might save some, they are eager to bend any new device or technique to their own intents—those of saving the lost and strengthening the saved.

Southern Baptists in recent years have shown a healthy tendency to use at least one of these media—the printed word—with a greater effectiveness for God. The secular world has made great strides ahead, however, and a tremendous gap must be bridged before Christian writings are again on a par with secular literature.

Among men of the world, new professions, with their own techniques and backgrounds, have sprung up; and Christians who would wield this new implement, must go for training to such men as the journalist, the advertiser, the public relations expert,

the propagandist, and the psychologist.

In the second case, the picture is not quite so bright, although here, too, beginnings have been made.

To utilize these two relatively new means of communication—and that even newer channel, the radio—Christians need to explore the body of knowledge and skill developed by the various secular professions, and begin training consecrated workers who will be expert in those lines.

Oklahoma Baptist university, at Shawnee, has undertaken such a program. Frankly pioneering, the university has established a separate department charged with both the research and the teaching necessary to provide a small corps of consecrated Christians who feel called to lives of service in the following professional fields:

- Religious journalism
- Church publicity
- Church public relations
- Church propaganda
- Denominational literature
- Church bulletins
- Church advertising
- Evangelistic journalism
- Photography for Christian purposes
- Born-again Christians who major in these fields will be expected to bring a combination of personal zeal and professional excellence to this serious business of utilizing the printed word for God.

A professional staff with secular experience and an eagerness to use this training in long-range Christian service, is being built to direct the over-all program, to supervise the work of student help, and to teach the courses.

For young men and women who can see the vision of unlimited opportunity, here are truly "new worlds to conquer for Christ."

—BR—

The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. Montie A. Davie of East Moss Point will sympathize with them in the death of his son, John, who died March 2. Burial took place on Monday, March 3. A fuller account will appear in a later issue.

Pastor Moves Into New Monticello Home

MONTICELLO, March 2 — The Rev. D. O. Horne and family moved this week into the splendid new brick home erected by the Monticello Baptist church as a pastor's home on a lot near the modern brick church constructed a few years ago by the Baptist congregation and dedicated in June, 1944.

Members of the Finance committee are C. E. Barnes, J. C. Bourn and E. C. Bufkin and the church had \$9,000 on hand for the home when the work was begun. According to the chairman of the Finance committee, the total cost of completion has amounted to approximately \$17,000 and the church is now securing funds to pay off the indebtedness on the home in as short a time as is possible. T. L. Jolly, P. K. McLain, Dr. G. W. Conn, and Mrs. C. D. Rhynes served on the building committee.

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Moravians Lose Campaign Against Change In Sunday Laws

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. —(RNS)— After a spirited pre-election campaign in which the issues of religious liberty and separation of church and state were raised, Winston-Salem voters approved, by a majority of 271, amendments to the city's Sunday "blue laws" to permit movies and athletic events during non-church hours.

Opposition to change of the Sunday observance laws was led by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, of the Southern Province of the Moravian Church. The "Old Salem" section, still predominantly Moravian, voted against any change in the "blue laws."

Bishop Pfohl in conceding defeat of the church forces said exponents of the Sunday observance laws will abide by the decision of the majority, adding:

"The greatness and goodness of a city does not depend upon the number and variety of its sports... we hope that in the spirit of good citizenship we will all unite... to build a better community."

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The following have been recent visitors to the office of the Baptist Record: Miss Lexie Chism, Jackson; Rev. Clovis Brantley, New Orleans; Rev. D. I. Young, Greenville; Dr. Willis J. Ray, Phoenix, Arizona; Miss Frances Sale, Jackson; Rev. S. W. Valentine, Jackson; Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Carter, Scottsville, Ky.; Rev. Marlin Miller, New Orleans; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Q. Murphy, and Wayne, Magnolia; Miss Lurline Cutrer, Magnolia; Mrs. D. M. Nelson, Clinton; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harris, Wesson.

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